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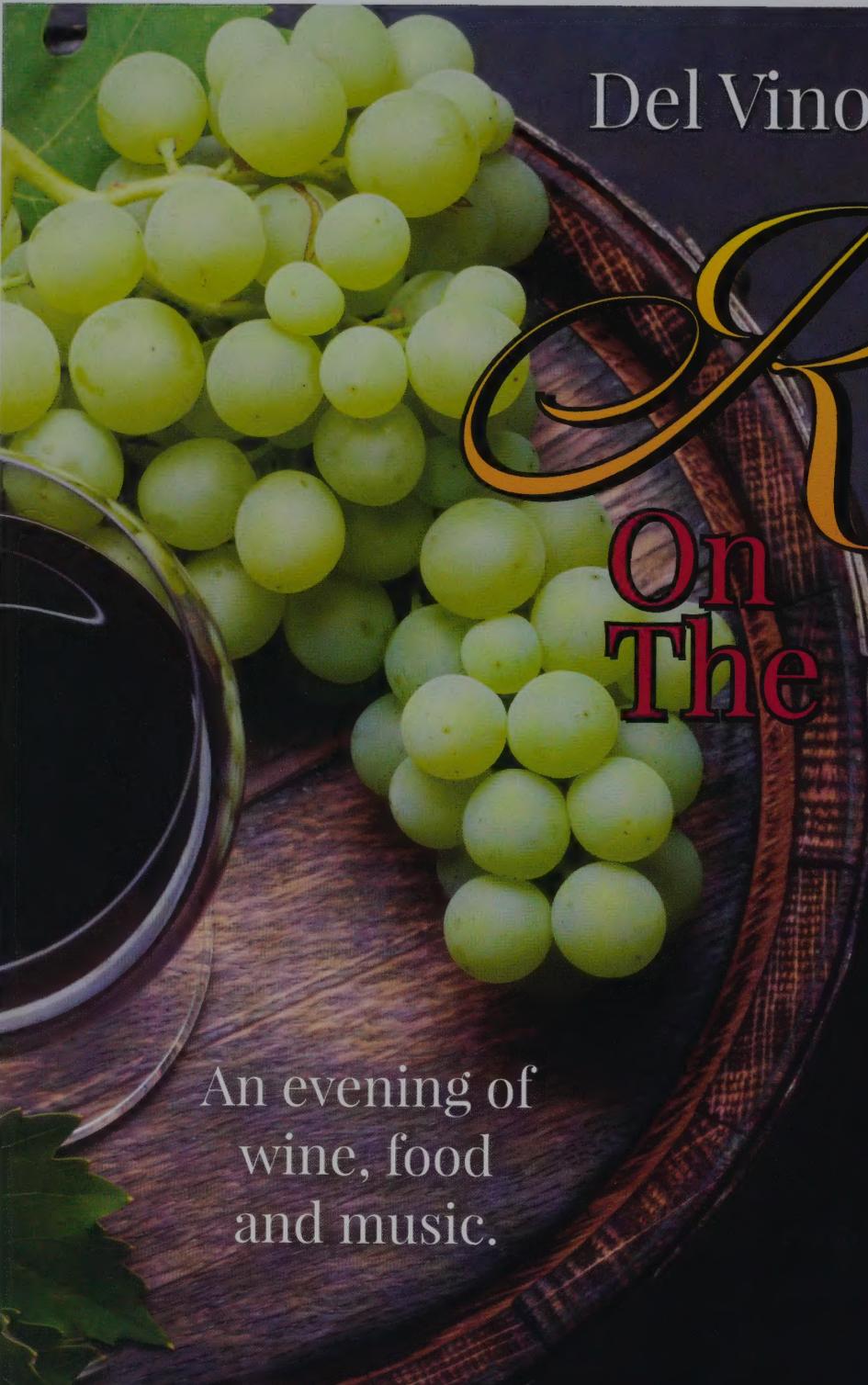
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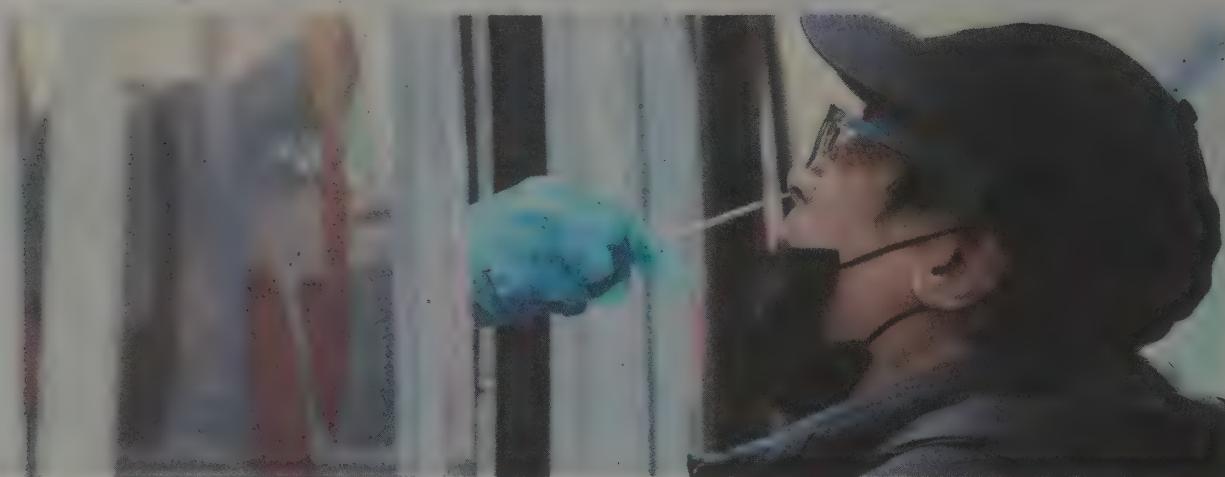
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(And they're not likely to complain about not knowing anyone.) We also suggest that all dogs be dressed in proper fancy attire -- not out of a sense of decorum, but just because it's so darn cute! Top hats, bowties, gowns -- all go great with fur. There's even a range of food and beverage options for our furry companions, so while you enjoy a nice fizzy glass of champagne, maybe your dog can throw back a few

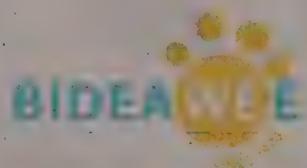
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Visit bideawee.org/ball for more info about our Gala on June 15th!



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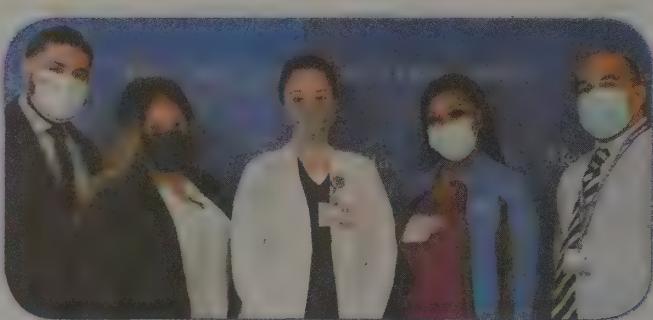
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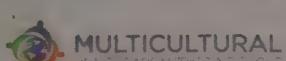
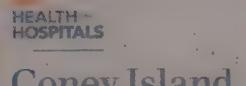
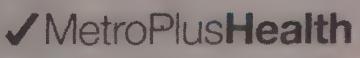
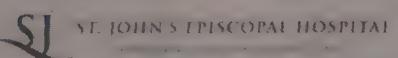
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BY FLQ ANTHONY

According to *People*, Amagansett resident **Bobby Flay** and his girlfriend **Christina Perez** traveled to Louisville for the Kentucky Derby. On May 5, Perez began documenting their trip on social media, posting photos of some of the art exhibits at 21c Museum Hotel, a hotel and contemporary art museum. The couple also had dinner at Barn8 restaurant, a converted horse stable located on Heritage Farm in Goshen, Kentucky that serves food grown on the farm. This is the second horse racing event that Flay and Perez have attended together. The duo made their first public appearance last November at the 2021 Breeders' Cup World Cham-

pionship, where the Food Network star's horse Pizza Bianca finished first. **E**ast Hampton's **Martha Stewart** linked a new deal with The Roku Channel. Lost Remote reports that the domestic doyenne will have three new shows. Stewart appeared during Roku's first in-person New Fronts presentation on May 3, where the shows *Martha Cooks*, *Martha's Garden* and *Martha's Holidays* were all announced. Stewart also joined **Emeril Lagasse** and **Christopher Kimball** onstage to announce their series: *Emeril Cooks*, *Emeril Tailgates*, *Milk Street's Cooking School* and *Milk Street's My Family Recipes*. **J**ean **Shafiroff**, philanthropist and author, has returned to Southampton after hosting a "Farewell to the

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"Season" luncheon at Café Boulud at The Brazilian Court in Palm Beach. Shafiroff made a generous donation in honor of her guests to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County, a charity that enables all young people, especially those most in need, to reach full potential as productive, caring and responsible citizens. Guests at the luncheon — who included **Sharon Bush**, **Kim Renk**, fashion designer **Abigail Zwaans** and **Lauren Roberts** — dined on a delicious lunch prepared in the kitchen overseen by world renowned chef **Daniel Boulud**.

Julianne Moore dazzled on the multi-colored carpet at the 2022 Met Gala on May 2. The Montauk homeowner wore a stunning strapless cream Tom Ford gown with opera gloves for her salute to the evening's theme: "In America: An Anthology of Fashion." The Oscar-winning actress's makeup and jewelry were simple. She donned

multi-carat dangling diamond earrings and carried a crystal-encrusted evening bag. Reports say the look was an homage to the days of Camelot, when former First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy, who was known for her exquisite sense of fashion, resided in the White House with her husband, President John F. Kennedy, from 1961 to 1963. Moore's director husband, **Bart Freundlich**, was dressed in formal white tie and tails, and carried traditional white gloves.

And *Just Like That...* star **Sarah Jessica Parker** of Amagansett and **John Cena** are part of a group of celebrities co-founding a pre-mixed beverage brand. Thomas Ashbourne is debuting this month with a variety of ready-to-drink cocktails, which will cost about \$22 for a 375 ml bottle or \$30 for a four-pack of 200 ml cans. Cena has an old-fashioned, and Parker's drink is (what else?) a cosmo, re-

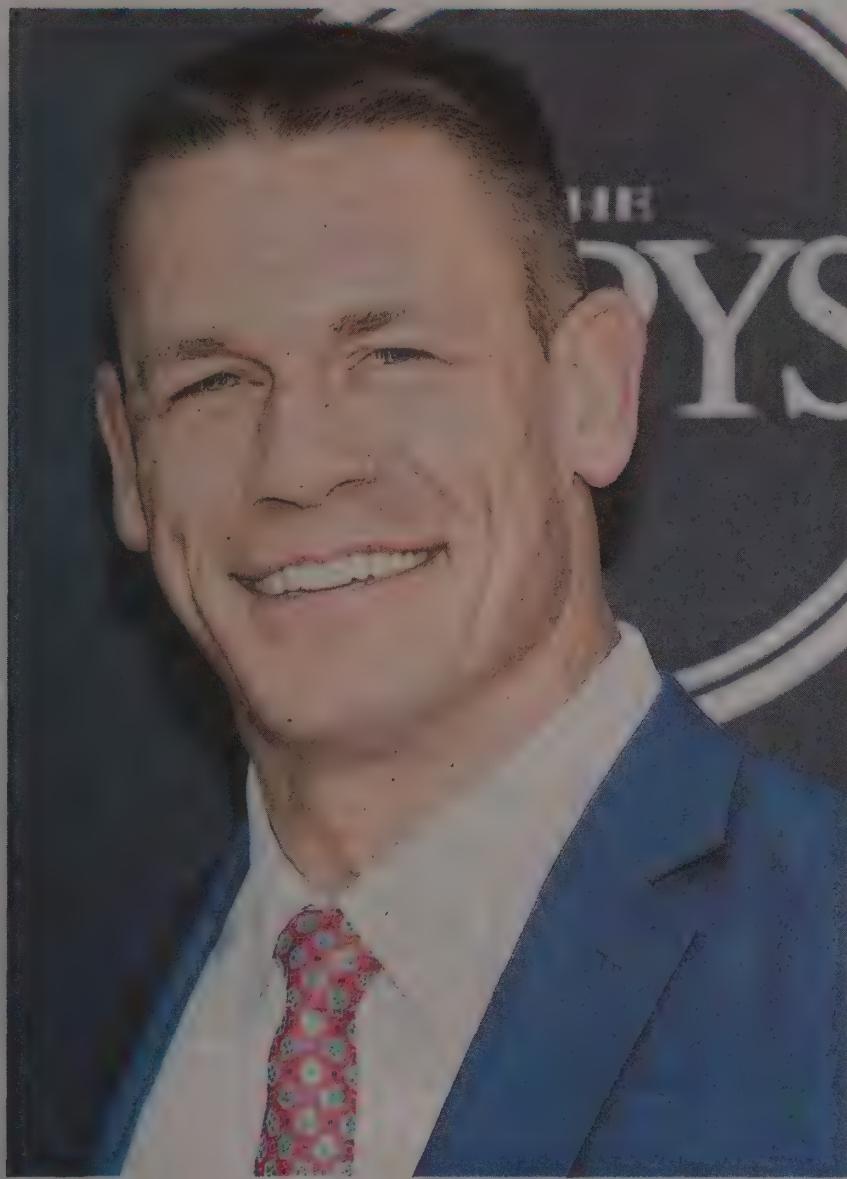


JEAN SHAFIROFF AND SHARON BUSH

CAPEHART PHOTOGRAPHY

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JOHN CENA

ports Bloomberg.

Ciara Miller and Austen Kroll had a secret rendezvous after he hooked up with both Miller and her co-star, **Lindsay Hubbard**, in the same weekend, reports Page Six. News that the couple quietly hooked up again was revealed in a new trailer for the upcoming *Summer House* Season 6 reunion, which was released May 2. "I'm surprised to hear you hooked up with him after all that," host **Andy Cohen** of Amagansett said, while the camera pans to Miller. Miller, whose fling with Kroll began on *Winter House*, gets interrogated for her decision to lash out at Hubbard instead of Kroll when she found out about his action-packed weekend. It doesn't look as if Kroll appeared on the reunion, as he was co-hosting his "Pillows and Beer" live pod-

cast tour with **Craig Conover** in New York City the same night of the reunion taping, reports the outlet.

We Hear ...

Almost three years after CNN anchor and Sag Harbor resident **Don Lemon** was accused of assaulting a man in Murf's Backstreet Tavern in Sag Harbor in 2018, accuser **Dustin Hice** has dropped the lawsuit, reports *Deadline*.

"After a lot of inner reflection and a deep dive into my memory, I have come to realize that my recollection of the events that occurred on the night in question when I first met CNN anchor Don Lemon were not what I thought they were when I filed this lawsuit," Hice said, completely rolling back his story of Lemon's no-longer-alleged as-

sault and the emotional distress he had claimed it caused. "As a result, I am dropping the case," the statement, sent out by attorney **Robert Barnes**, explained.

Hice dropping the case and his admission that his recollection of the so-called assault was flawed came about weeks after a March 24 ruling from U.S. Magistrate Judge **Thomas Locke** ordered Hice to pay Lemon \$77,119.33 in attorney fees and costs based on Hice violating court rules. According to the ruling, Hice had failed to disclose evidence — text messages, photographs and videos from his cellphone — for Lemon's legal team during the discovery portion of the trial, and he had attempted to bribe a witness.

The undisclosed documents, revealed after two witnesses for Hice had recanted testimony supporting his allegations against Lemon, brought Hice's credibility into question, and his case was further harmed after one of his former witnesses produced among the previously undisclosed text messages, a conversation in which Hice offered to pay the witness if he won his case against Lemon.

At the time, however, Judge Locke refused Lemon's request to dismiss the case entirely. But Hice has now taken care of that for him.

"Thankfully Mr. Hice was finally able to access his memory and recollect the correct version of events on the night when he approached Don Lemon.

The Court's ruling fully vindicates Mr. Lemon and brings an end to this abusive lawsuit," Lemon's attorney **Caroline Polosi** said in a statement,

calling the entire suit a "crass money grab" from the start, according to multiple media outlets who received the statement.

"Unfortunately, being a gay Black man in the media, he has had to deal with these sorts of attacks for quite some time," Polosi continued.

Lemon, in the meantime, is awaiting his payment of more than \$77,000, which Hice still owes and is likely just a portion of what the CNN anchor paid for his defense.

Lemon had originally asked that Judge Locke sanction Hice for \$106,490.38, but the judge cut the requested six-figure number by nearly \$30,000.

Sightings ...

Joey Wölffer at the Yves Saint Laurent Museum in Marrakech, Morocco on May 1.

Neil Patrick Harris of East Hampton and **Sara Bareilles** onstage in *Into The Woods* at New York City Center on May 4.

Brooke Shields and her daughter Grier posing in front of a portrait of the Southampton actress/model by artist **Tara Lewis** at the Louis K. Meisel Gallery in Manhattan on May 4.

~ With additional reporting by Oliver Peterson



DON LEMON

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Ellen's Run Spring Warm Up Dance in Bridgehampton

The Ellen Hermanson Foundation hosted an Ellen's Run Spring Warm Up Dance Party at Bridgehampton Community House on April 30. The event was a wonderful evening of chef's tastings, drinks 'n' bubbly, live and silent auctions — and lots of dancing! The evening celebrated Ellen's Run icons Claudia Nelly Gonzales and Julianne Moore as well as the number one fundraising team of 2020/2021: The Shocking Pinks.

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Mario Norero and Ingrid Arneberg



Dr. Edna Kaphenhas (Medical Director, The Ellen Hermanson Breast Center) and Stacy Quarty



Maureen Drew (Honoree), Sheryl Heather (Honoree) and Julie Ratner (President)



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Ann Ciardullo (EHF BOD VP) and Elena Gibbs



Dee Rivera (EHF BOD), Jessica Licciardello (EHF Creative Director), Carol Gonzalez, Marco Gonzalez



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Katherine Valle and Geralyne Lewandowski



Mario Norero, Ingrid Arneberg, Min Romano, Carol Gonzalez, Dee Rivera (EHF Board Member)



John Pomianowski and Julianne Moseley (Honoree)

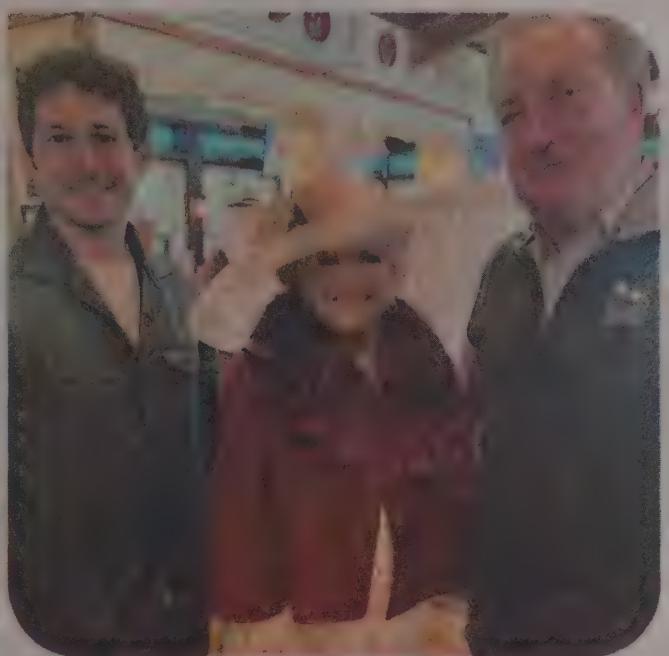
Festive Kentucky Derby Party at Southampton Publick House

Hats off to the East Enders who celebrated the Kentucky Derby in style at Southampton Publick House on May 7. The rainy weather couldn't dampen the festive spirit at the event, which was co-sponsored by OTB and co-hosted by *Dan's Papers* President Victoria Schneps, philanthropist Jean Shafiroff and owner of Southampton Publick House, Don Sullivan. Guests dressed in Derby chic and enjoyed mint juleps and craft brews, placed bets and watched the race on 20 big-screen TVs.

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Suffolk County Legislator Trish Bergin, Vicki Schneps, Mike Torres



Jessie Warren (Mayor of Southampton), Vicki Schneps (President of Schneps Media), Don Sullivan (Owner, Publick House)

Danielle FASHION PIC OF THE WEEK



JEAN SHAFIROFF, DAN GASBY, MAR MOROSSE

Seen at: Kentucky Derby Party at Publick House, Southampton

What we love: Dapper Dan's spring seersucker (flanked by fab women/Derby chic!)



Autumn-Storm Behm, Melissa Hanrahan



Andrew Jay



Aleksandra Kardwell, Jina Catania



Lisa Greenberg, Don Sullivan, Ana Thomas



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LongHouse Reserve in East Hampton Opens Its 2022 Season

LongHouse Reserve, the 16-acre nature reserve and sculpture garden in East Hampton, opened its 2022 season last weekend with hundreds of visitors and nearly a million blooming daffodils. New works on view include a commissioned installation by William and Steven Ladd (who participated in the first of a series of LongHouse Talks on Saturday evening), and sculptures by Moko Fukuyama and Alexander Polzin.

PHOTOGRAPHY BY RICHARD LEWIN



Peter Olsen, Nina Gillman



Emily Whorton, Erica Ferraro



Carrie Barratt, Lee Skolnick



Colin and Ann Cuccia



Mark Fichandler, Paul Travis



Irina Ourusoff



Ayse Kenmorë, Dianne Benson, Lys Marigold



Marion and Samuel Waxman

WHBPAC Honors Longtime Supporter Barbara Weisz

Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Center honored longtime WHBPAC supporter, former chairwoman of the Women's Advisory Council, and patron of the arts Barbara Weisz at its Women of Distinction luncheon at the Cosmopolitan Club in New York City. Weisz was recognized as an outstanding female leader for her contributions to WHBPAC.

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Barbara Weisz and Julianne Penza-Boone
(WHBPAC Executive Director)



Friends of Barbara Weisz



Yvonne Elliman, Barbara Weisz, Abigail Merrill, Mary Skillern



Barbara Weisz and family

RISE Life Services Celebrates Honorees at Cinco de Mayo Event

RISE Life Services of Riverhead celebrated Dime Bank CEO Kevin O'Connor, Suffolk County Police Commissioner Rodney K. Harrison, and Ophthalmologist Dr. Peter Michalos at Giorgios Baiting Hollow on May 5 at a Cinco de Mayo themed event. News 12 Anchor and reporter Antoinette Biordi was the MC. 100% of the proceeds support RISE Life Services, a nonprofit organization established in 1980 as aid to the developmentally disabled.

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Martyna Sokol, Jesse Warren
(Southampton Village Mayor)



Dr. Peter Michalos and daughter Irene



Kevin O'Connor (CEO, Dime Bank),
Charles Evdos (Executive Dir.
RISE Life Services)



Jody Fisher, Charlotte Smilovich, Joan MacNaughton, Commissioner Rodney Harrison



Judge Madeline Singas,
Dr. Peter Michalos, Theo Singas



News 12 Anchor and MC for the
evening Antoinette Biordi



Jodi Krupnick, David Krupnick, Lauren Krupnick,
Gary Krupnick



Michael Kitakis, Charles Evdos



Judge Michael Solomon, Karen Solomon,
Detective Herman Lamison
Dr. Peter Michalos

DAN'S PHOTO CONTEST RULES ...

what you need to know

- The contest is open to amateur and professional photographers
- You can submit up to five preferably high-res photos per theme (no paintings, digital illustrations, etc.).
- All photos must also be taken on the East End (Hamptons, North Fork and Shelter Island) and submitted by the photographer who took them.
- You must submit photos to photoeditor@danspapers.com with the subject: "NATURE AWAKENS PHOTO CONTEST" by Friday, May 26 at noon to be considered in the contest.
- The winner will be announced in the following issue, so no late submissions will be accepted. Select runners-up will run in subsequent issues.
- The winning photograph receives a \$100 gift certificate to the fabulous Calissa restaurant in Water Mill and a chance to grace our cover with a photograph in the new year!
- Please include a little info about yourself as well as the photo (title, location, subject, etc.) and cut/paste the following written release statement with your submission:
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NEWS & VIEWS

Brooks House in Springs Makes America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places List

BY TAYLOR K. VECSEY

The Brooks-Park Home and Studios in East Hampton is one of 11 properties identified as the most endangered historic places in America, according to a new list from the National Trust of Historic Preservation.

"This year's 11 sites include community anchors and sacred ground, sites of injustice and activism, and places of creative expression, with threats as varied as their types: neglect, inappropriate development, and climate change, just to name a few," the announcement from the privately funded nonprofit organization states.

Another property on the list includes the Brown Chapel AME Church in Selma, Alabama, a building steeped in history and built in 1908 by formerly enslaved Black builder A.J. Farley. The Brown Chapel also served as the starting point for marchers, including the late Congressman John Lewis, on March 7, 1965, when they attempted to cross the Edmund Pettus Bridge and were beaten by Troopers in what is known historically as "Bloody Sunday."

"What unites these places, however, is this: All of them are at a turning point, a critical moment when we as a nation either recognize their significance and fight to protect them, tell their full stories, and



THE BROOKS HOUSE

summer residents. When the couple bought it, the only running water was a hand pump in the sink. After a hurricane blew their detached studio off the bluff where the house sat, they hired a local company in 1957 to move it closer to the artist community in Springs. As a result, it is the only known surviving house from this historic fishing village.

Other buildings on the property include the Brooks's studio, a vernacular modernist-style structure that was built in 1959, and Park's studio, the former Wainscott Post Office, which was relocated from Main Street around 1970.

But little progress has happened since. More than a year ago, the town revoked its contract with Peconic Historic Preservation, Inc., a not-for-profit organization that was hired four years ago to help restore, maintain, and host programming. The goal was to replicate the success at Duck Creek Farm, a colonial-era property that later became home to artist Little John, who, like Brooks and Park, was friends with famed Abstract Expressionists Jackson Pollock and Lee Krasner and was part of a mid-century community of artists drawn to and inspired by the natural beauty of the South Fork.

"The town is now expressing interest in working with Brooks-Park Arts and Nature Center, an emerging nonprofit dedicated to preserving the site, to rehabilitate the buildings as a community arts and nature center celebrating both artists' legacies," the Trust says. "First, the Town must formally vote to approve preservation, and then additional funding and partnerships will be needed."

This is not the first time the National Trust for Historic Preservation has weighed in about the future of the property as demolition discussions have come up. In March 2020, the organization wrote a letter to the town urging it to stop any plans to raze the Brooks house and to "work with interested parties to develop a plan for the long-term future of this nationally significant site."

Thiele: First-Quarter Revenues Largest in CPF History

BY TAYLOR K. VECSEY

The Peconic Bay Community Preservation Fund (CPF) took in \$56.1 million in the first quarter of 2022, the largest first quarter in the fund's 23-year history, Assemblyman Fred W. Thiele Jr., the architect of the program.

The CPF took in 1.6% more in the first three months of 2022 than the same period last year when there was \$55.2 million collected. The program, which now supports water quality in addition to open space, is funded by a 2% tax on most real estate purchases.

However, revenues in March were down, perhaps a product of record-low inventory throughout the five East End towns. A total of \$16.81 million was collected, 7.4% less than the same month last year, which saw a total of \$18.15 million.

February revenues were also down from \$16 million in 2021 to \$14.59 in February.

Still, Thiele noted it is the 20th consecutive month that CPF revenues have exceeded \$10 million, during the pandemic-fueled real estate boom.

Following a record-breaking year in 2021, in which a total of \$210.64 million was generated, January 2022 also saw the biggest monthly revenue in the program's history — \$24.69 million, a 17.2% increase over January 2021.

Looking at the first-quarter figures, three of the five East End towns saw an increase compared to the first quarter of 2021. In the first three months of 2022, Southampton, which always takes in the most, received \$30.25 million, 3.4% less than last year's first-quarter revenues when it received \$31.32 million. The dip was despite large home sales, such as a \$50 million house on the ocean in Sagaponack, which closed in January. Shelter Island Town also saw a 15.7% decrease from \$1.34 million in the first quarter of 2021 to \$1.13 million so far this year.

On the North Fork, where revenues are always

much lower than on the South Fork, the increases when comparing first-quarter numbers were the largest. Riverhead Town saw the biggest increase — 32.4% — from \$1.82 million in 2021 to \$2.41 million in 2022. Southold Town saw a 9.9% bump with \$3.54 million in revenues over \$3.22 million during the same time last year.

The Town of East Hampton, meanwhile, received \$18.75 million during the first three months of the year, a 7.1% increase over the \$17.5 million in the first quarter of '21. Among the large deals in the town was the sale of Ron Perelman's Lily Pond Lane estate in East Hampton Village in early January, which closed at \$84.5 million, and a \$32 million sale on Amagansett's oceanfront in March.

In the last 12 months alone, the CPF has generated \$211.5 million.

Since its inception in 1999, the fund has generated \$1.867 billion. The 2% tax under the CPF expires in 2050.

NEWS & VIEWS

Mattituck Man Pleads Guilty to Fatal DWI

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

A Mattituck man has admitted to driving drunk and causing a crash that killed a 38-year-old pedestrian in Riverhead last year.

Matthew Nemschick, 55, pleaded guilty May 5 in Suffolk County court to felony charges of aggravated vehicular homicide, vehicular manslaughter, and tampering with physical evidence, as well as a misdemeanor count of reckless driving, court records show.

Nemschick was driving on Main Street when he struck the victim shortly after 10 p.m. on February 11, 2021, Riverhead Town Police have said. The victim was taken to Peconic Bay Medical Center, where he later died of his injuries. Police reportedly identified the victim as Alexander Lopez Guzman, who was homeless.

Nemschick faces up to 25 years in prison when Judge Stephen Braslow is scheduled to sentence him on June 9. Neither prosecutors nor Nemschick's attorney immediately responded to requests for comment.



MATTHEW NEMSCICK

Warhol Monroe Work Sells for Record \$195M

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

L ate Pop artist and Montauk homeowner Andy Warhol's iconic portrait of Marilyn Monroe broke the record for the most expensive American artwork ever auctioned when it sold on Monday, May 9 for \$195 million.

Warhol used a silkscreen image to create "Shot Sage Blue Marilyn" depicting a closeup of a smiling Monroe with yellow hair, blue eyeshadow and red lipstick on a blue-green background. Christie's auction house in New York confirmed the record-breaking sales figure.

"It's an amazing price," said Alex Rotter, chairman of Christie's 20th and 21st century art department.

The sale broke the previous record for an American artwork at auction of \$110.5 million set in 2017 for a 1982 painting by Jean-Michel Basquiat dubbed "Untitled" of a skull-like face.

One of the influential artist's most recognizable works, the Warhol piece was part of a Monroe series



THE 1964 PAINTING "SHOT SAGE BLUE MARILYN" BY ANDY WARHOL IS CARRIED IN CHRISTIE'S SHOWROOM IN NEW YORK CITY ON SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2022

AP PHOTO/TED SHAFFREY

created in 1964, two years after her death. It was based on a photo promoting her 1953 film *Niagara*. Its title refers to an incident in which a woman shot at a stack of four Marilyn portraits in Warhol's studio with a pistol, though "Shot Sage Blue Marilyn" was not struck by a bullet.

The proceeds of the sale will go to the Thomas and Doris Ammann Foundation Zurich, which put the painting up for auction. The foundation, named for the Swiss art dealers who owned the work, aims to help children with healthcare and educational programs.

~ With Associated Press, Reuters

DEC Adopts New Recreational Fluke, Whelk Fishing Regulations

BY OLIVER PETERSON

T he New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) announced new recreational saltwater fishing regulations for fluke, in place now, and new whelk harvesting rules for later this summer.

Fluke Regulations

Changes to the fluke season, which began on May 1 this year, will provide more opportunities for anglers by extending the season a total of 12 fishing days to end on October 9, 2022, and decreasing the minimum size limit by half an inch.

The NYS recreational summer flounder season in 2022 is now open from May 1 to October 9 — instead of the previous May 4 to September 30 window — and anglers are allowed four fish at a minimum size of 18.5 inches in response to new interstate fishery management plan requirements.

Recreational regulations for fluke are now the same in NY State as Connecticut's regulations in order to "maintain consistency in the Long Island Sound and maximize the benefit to recreational anglers and associated industries," the DEC says.

DEC is accepting comments on the fluke regulations from May 18–July 18. Written comments can be emailed to fw.marine@dec.ny.gov.

Whelk Regulations

As of May 11, 2022, the minimum size for whelk

is 5 1/2-inch shell length or 2 1/4-inch shell height for all NY marine waters except the Long Island Sound Region (LIS), which has less stringent regs that will go in effect later this summer. The LIS includes all marine and coastal district waters lying east of the Throgs Neck Bridge and west of a line that runs from Orient Point to Watch Hill, Rhode Island.

Effective August 1, 2022, the minimum size for whelk in the Long Island Sound Region is 4 3/4-inch shell length or 1 15/16-inch shell height. Shell length will increase by 1/4 inch every other year through 2028 to coordinate with Connecticut.

Additional Regulations Changes

A bait-saving device is required to contain horseshoe crabs in whelk pots or traps.

Establishes gear marking requirements consistent with New York State commercial crab and lobster fisheries.

A buoy line must be constructed so that the line does not float at the surface, such as a sinking line or weighted line.

Whelk pots or traps cannot exceed a volume larger than 22,950 cubic inches.

Whelk cannot be taken by whelk pots or traps one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise.

Whelk pots or traps cannot be placed within 25 feet of designated navigation channels..

For all current regulations in effect, check DEC's Recreational Saltwater Fishing Regulations.

DAN'S COLUMN

Things That Fly

The East Hampton Airport, preparing to shut down on May 17 to re-open as a smaller, quieter airport on May 19 with its name changed to East Hampton Town Airport, has today issued a second set of new rules to accompany the first set they issued 10 days ago. The first set reduced the number of planes and helicopters allowed to land there. This set of rules is far more extensive.

HOT-AIR BALLOONS

No hot-air balloons will be permitted to land at the airport at any time unless they arrive with presidential candidates on board who, on arrival, intend to give a speech on the runway.

GLIDERS

Gliders are permitted to land at the airport, but only during hours when the airport is closed for the night and people are sleeping.



SPACESHIPS

Aliens arriving in flying saucers from faraway planets will be permitted to land at the airport, but only once a month and only once a year from any particular planet, in order to give all planets an equal opportunity.

SANTA CLAUS

Santa Claus and his sleigh will be permitted to land at East Hampton Town Airport all he wants, but only during the month of December.

SEABIRDS

Sea gulls, hawks, ducks, swans, egrets and shore birds are welcome at the airport at any time except between 1 p.m. Friday and 1 p.m. Monday.

FLYOVERS

Commercial aircraft bound for



London, Paris and Frankfurt flying high in the sky after leaving John F. Kennedy International Airport or LaGuardia Airport but still below 30,000 feet must not come within 10 miles of East

Hampton Town Airport except by special permission, which must be requested a week in advance.

JET FIGHTERS

Jet fighters will not be permitted to fly over or land at the airport unless, on an emergency basis, invited to do so by the airport manager.

ANGELS

Angels from on high are welcome to land at East Hampton Town Airport at any time of day or night, but only by requesting to do so at least an hour in advance so the runway can be cleared.



DIRIGIBLES

Dirigibles must be less than 200 feet in length and are permitted to land at East Hampton Town Airport only once a month and then by permission only. A grassy airport with dirigibles was in service for years during World War I at Montauk.

DRONES

Drones are not permitted to land or take off at East Hampton Town Airport under any circumstances. Longtime local residents including several town councilmen recall a time years ago when a drone being operated above Main Street in Sag Harbor to take pictures of the community for a developer crashed into a storefront. Can't have that.

EAGLES

Bald eagles may not land at the airport, unless for emergencies and then by permission only. These crea-



tures with their 6-foot wingspans are the largest birds in the Hamptons and were in abundance here up until the 1950s when DDT spray caused a major die out. Now they are back. If permission is granted, an alarm will sound to alert visitors of the airport to leash their small dogs, a favorite of the eagles.

PLAGUES OF LOCUSTS

Plagues of locusts will not be permitted to fill the air over the East Hampton Town Airport at any time. But if they do arrive anyway, they must depart during a 10-minute window after having landed or face the consequences.

BLUE ANGELS

The Navy's acrobatic aircraft are permitted to fly over East Hampton Town Airport at any time so long as they are in formation and give prior notice that they will shortly be doing so.



SEAPLANES

Seaplanes will not be permitted to land at East Hampton Town Airport at any time. The airport is nowhere near the sea and these planes must land in the sea and nowhere else. That's why they call them that.

BREAKING THE SOUND BARRIER

No aircraft will be permitted to make the very loud banging noise that happens when they fly through the sound barrier either way while flying within 20 miles of East Hampton Town Airport.

LIGHTNING

No lightning will be permitted to

strike East Hampton Town Airport except between the hours of 1 a.m. and 4 a.m., and then only if they are accompanied by thunder — not that crackling sound.

CICADAS

Flocks of cicadas will be permitted only once every 17 years, and then only if they do not exceed 60 decibels of loudness.

VINTAGE AIRCRAFT

Any aircraft built before 1940 will be permitted to land at the airport on an emergency basis but only when given permission in advance and after emergency ground crews are deployed on the sides of the runways.

IMPORTANT PEOPLE

Important people will be allowed to come and go at any time and in any kind of aircraft they please. But they must be on the approved list kept by the airport manager.

POLLEN

Pollen is not permitted within a quarter mile of the airport at any time except during January, February or March.

CIRCLING THE AIRPORT

No aircraft will be allowed to circle above the airport while waiting for their turn to land for more than 10 minutes. If the circling exceeds 10 minutes, the aircraft must fly off, return and try again, once again waiting their turn at the back of the line.

FIREFLIES

Fireflies are welcome anytime between sunset and sunrise.



FLYING SQUIRRELS

After much debate, the airport was unable to agree on the regulations for flying squirrels. Hopefully, a decision will be decided upon in time for the announcement of still a third set of new rules.

Clip out this article and, for reference, tape it to the inside of your cockpit windshield.

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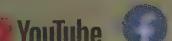


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Persistent Pandemic: COVID-19 Rates Rise Again as East End Prepares for Beach Season



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A MAN IS GIVEN A COVID-19 TEST AT POP-UP TESTING SITE IN NEW YORK ON APRIL 11, 2022

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

Coronavirus diagnoses are once again rising in the run up to beach season as the East End prepares for the crowds to return for the third summer of the so-called new normal.

The numbers are not as dramatic as the record-breaking surge in cases over the holidays this winter, but

Long Island had an infection rate of nearly 10% based on the seven-day average percentage of positive test results reported over the three days prior to May 10, according to the most recent New York State health data available as of press time. There have been both local outbreaks and initiatives to reclaim a sense of normalcy.

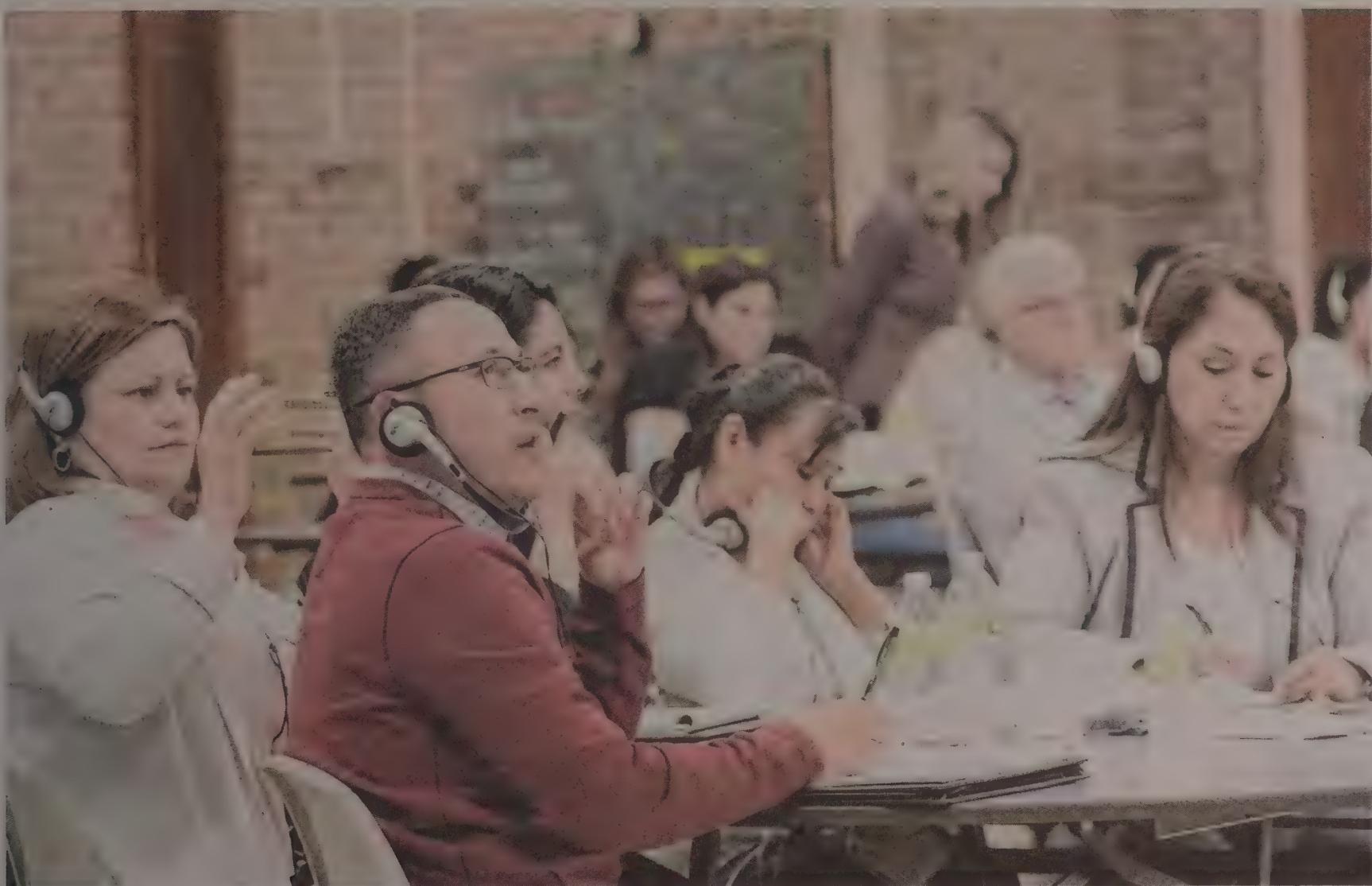
“Due to COVID-19, the leisure and

hospitality sector suffered historic job losses,” Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone said following Suffolk’s East End Hospitality & Tourism Academy at Hampton Bays High School last month. “Rather than wait for these jobs to come back, Suffolk County worked with local community-based organizations and business leaders to create an industry-driven workforce training program to start

bringing these jobs back now.”

The leisure and hospitality sector — a leading industry in the Twin Forks region — lost more than 60,000 jobs between February and April 2020, according to the 2021 Suffolk County Local Workforce Plan. From April 2020 to March 2021, the sector began to bounce back, regaining a little over 40,000 jobs or 62.9%, of initial jobs lost. The

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HOSPITALITY ACADEMY AT HAMPTON BAYS HIGH SCHOOL

academy is the latest effort to help continue the momentum in reversing those losses.

"The academy provides a positive and productive training and education experience with a two-fold benefit: Introducing businesses to enthusiastic and engaged job candidates and exposing our neighbors to exciting local job opportunities," said Lars Clemensen, superintendent of the Hampton Bays school district.

Nearly 50 students participated in the five-week adult continuing education course taught in Hampton Bays High School's state-of-the-art commercial culinary lab in partnership with Canoe Place Inn & Cottages.

"We believe the development of The Hospitality Academy will have an immediate impact and aggregate benefit for the East End community, and particularly Hampton Bays," said Michael Brod, a managing director of the Canoe Place Inn & Cottages.

While the economy appears to have mostly made a switch rebound from the devastating impact of the COVID-19 shutdown in 2020, offi-

cials are still continuing to urge the public to get vaccinated to mitigate future upticks.

"We urge every person who is eligible to receive a booster vaccine to get one as soon as possible," Suffolk County Health Commissioner Dr. Gregson Pigott said recently. "Recent studies have shown that COVID-19 vaccines have been extremely effective at reducing your risk of dying or needing a ventilator from this virus as compared with adults who were not vaccinated. Protection was highest in adults who received a third COVID-19 vaccine dose."

Gov. Kathy Hochul, who was recently diagnosed herself, agreed.

"We have come a long way in the past two years, so let's continue to use the tools we know help protect against, treat and prevent serious illness from COVID-19," the governor said. "I know first-hand how tests can help stop the spread to our vulnerable loved ones, so let's keep using this critical tool. I also encourage every New Yorker to make sure you are fully vaccinated and up to date on your booster doses. And if you test positive, talk to your doctor about

available treatments. This is how we will continue to move forward through the pandemic safely."

Outbreaks, however, have become a fact of life. The Town of East Hampton Senior Center reopened May 2 after temporarily closing for a deep cleaning to protect vulnerable seniors who attend programs there from being exposed after several cases were reported among attendees and staffers, town officials said.

"The temporary suspension of in-person senior center services was determined to be prudent, out of an abundance of caution to protect the senior citizens who use the center," the town said in a statement.

Beyond the East End, an increase in COVID-19 infections around the U.S. has sent more cities into new high-risk categories that are supposed to trigger indoor mask wearing, but much of the country is stopping short of bringing back restrictions amid deep pandemic fatigue. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention urges people to mask up in indoor public places, including schools, regardless of vaccination status. But few, if any, local jurisdictions in the

region brought back a mask requirement despite rising case counts.

Meanwhile, reported daily cases in the U.S. are averaging 73,633, up more than 40% over the past two weeks, according to data compiled by Johns Hopkins University. But that is a vast undercount because of the testing downturn and the fact tests are being taken at home and not reported to health departments. An influential modeling group at the University of Washington in Seattle estimates that only 13% of cases are being reported to health authorities in the U.S. — which would mean more than a half million new infections every day.

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

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Town of East Hampton: 4,103
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Waterfront Water Mill Estate, Part of 2021's Biggest Hamptons Sale, Lists at \$72 Million



THE MASSIVE HOME OFFERS MORE THAN 17,000 SQUARE FEET OF LIVING SPACE ABOVE GRADE



BY TAYLOR K. VECSEY

A waterfront Hamptons estate that sold in the most expensive sale of last year is back on the market with Hedgerow Exclusive Properties. The 9.11-acre property on a private Water Mill peninsula featuring a massive home with more than 17,000 square feet of living space is asking \$72 million.

The property now uses the address of 71 Cobb Lane, but when it sold last year for \$60 million it was under the address of 70C Cobb Road, one of four properties that traded for a combined \$118.5 million. Garment mogul Arthur Rabin and his son, Jason Rabin, who serves as the president of his father's company, Wear Me Apparel/Kids Headquarters, which creates mer-

chandise for known brands such as Kenneth Cole, Timberland, and Sketchers USA, sold their side-by-side mansions, along with two vacant parcels, in an off-market deal brokered by Hedgerow that closed on December 30, 2021. The combined deal was the biggest sale of the year and the second-highest trade in Hamptons history.

"The property was the crown jewel of a family compound that was created over a 20-year period," Preston Kaye, the co-founder of Hedgerow Exclusive Properties, told *Behind The Hedges* after bringing 71 Cobb Lane back to the market this week. "The new buyer saw this as an opportunity to obtain both a waterfront and agricultural compound, with the intention to spin off the largest of the four parcels."

The property includes 3,173 feet of private shoreline on Burnett Creek, which leads out to Mecox Bay, and a private dock.

"Brought to market for the first time ever, 71 Cobb Lane is one of the most unique properties in all of the Hamptons," Kaye says. "Set on over nine acres, this waterfront estate is located on its own private peninsula and has direct southern views of the ocean."

The sprawling home, designed by Barnes Coy Architects, features 21 bedrooms and multiple kitchens. There is also a waterside pool and a tennis court.

"Rarely does a home of this size and scale exist on the water, let alone come to market in the Hamptons," Kaye adds.



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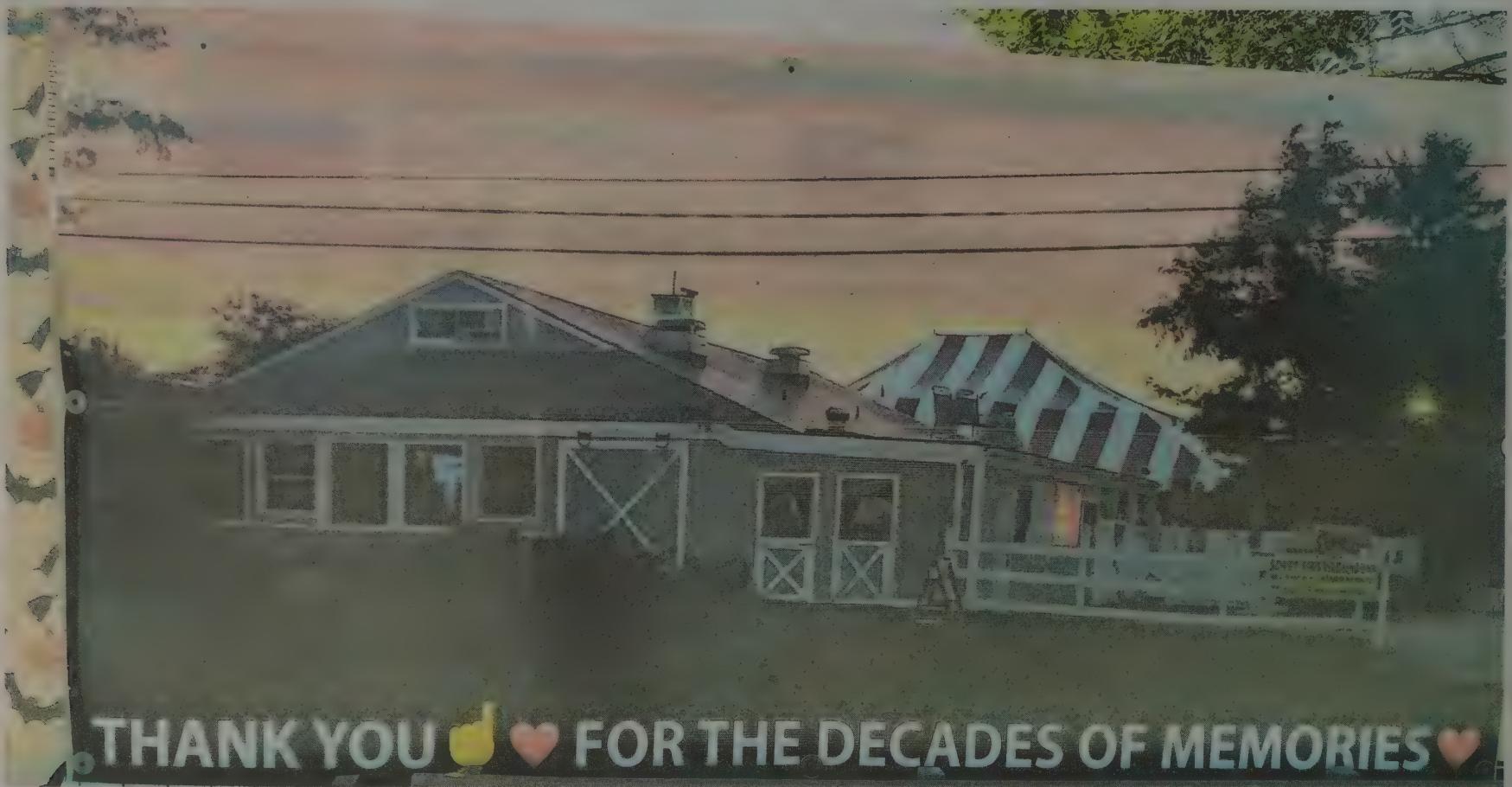


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BEHIND THE HEDGES REAL ESTATE

Last Call for the Boardy Barn? Legendary Hampton Bays Bar Is Sold



OLIVER PETERSON

BY TAYLOR K. VECSEY

It sounds like the end of an era, at least as we know it. The Boardy Barn in Hampton Bays, under the same ownership for 50 years, has been sold.

The legendary bar, known for its flowing beer and clientele that spilled out under a striped tent, had been listed for sale in the fall. The 2.6-acre parcel was listed exclusively with Jones Lang LaSalle, a commercial property management company. The asking price was not publicly listed and Jones Lang LaSalle did not respond immediately for comment.

The sale was announced on the Boardy Barn Facebook page on Thursday afternoon. "It is true that we have sold the property located at 270 West Montauk Highway Hampton Bays, effective May 5th, 2022," read the message "to our beloved family, employees, customers, partners and community."

It was not immediately clear who the new owners are and for how much the deal totaled.

"We wish the new owners all the best as they work to determine what the property will become," the announcement continued. Within one hour of the post, there were 392 comments and 599 shares.

"Generations going forward won't understand exactly what they missed out on! Thank you for the great times!" one commenter, Thomas Lydon wrote.

"End of an era. So many memories (that I don't remember)" another Facebook user wrote.

While it could remain a bar, it was also billed as an investment opportunity ripe for redevelopment. The property is zoned highway business and offers 270 feet of frontage on the busy thoroughfare.

The existing main building is 4,000 square feet with a legal tent/patio area, where most of the revelry occurs, offers more than 12,000 square feet. The business has an approved occupancy of 720 seats and 1,488 people standing. There are 33 parking spaces on the property.

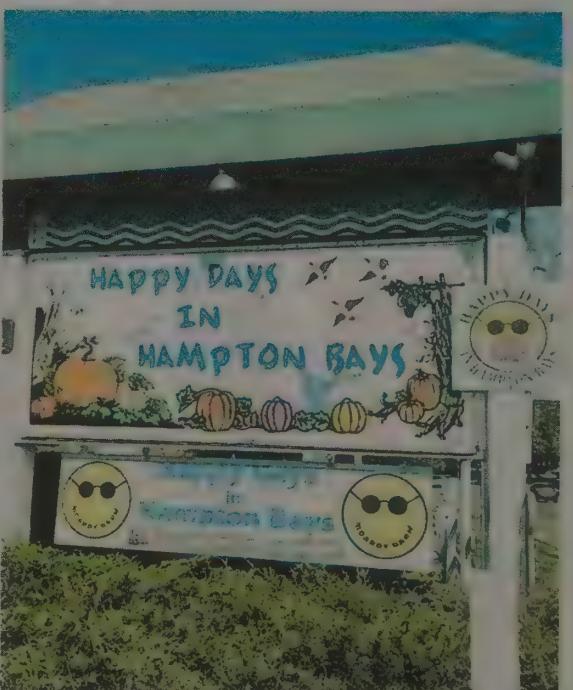
Mickey Shields and Tony Galgano first opened "the barn," as it was known, on April 16, 1970. "From that day forward, the Boardy Barn became better and more unique the moment each of you passed through those doors. We are deeply grateful for the memories we hold in our hearts," the announcement also read.

Galgano died in November 2021 at the age of 78.

"Beer was inexpensive and sold in glass mugs," the business' history on its website reads. "The original bars were the two inside ... the infamous 'Square Bar' and the 'Moose Bar' (the bar next to the dance floor that has gone by a few names ('Olde Towne Bar' and 'Malt Shop Bar') to name a few. Incidentally, the dance floor back then was concrete and not sunken

as it is now."

"The barn" used to sell food, such as hamburgers and even Knockwurst. Now, it sells pretzels and hot dogs to go with the cheap beers, alcohol and shots.



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LIMIT TASTY PLANTS Think twice about growing lots of English ivy, lettuces, beans, peas, hostas, impatiens, and pansies.

KEEP DEER-FAVORITE PLANTS CLOSE TO THE HOUSE That way, you can keep tabs on the plant's progress.

PLANT PUNGENT PERENNIALS Patches of strongly scented herbs can mask other appealing plants.

PLANT THORNY, HAIRY, OR PRICKLY FOLIAGE Try incorporating fuzzy lamb's ear, barberries, and cleome near the plants you want to protect.

MAKE DEER-RESISTANT SUBSTITUTIONS Trade tulips for daffodils, which top deer-resistant plant lists.

OUT OF SIGHT, OUT OF MIND Plant large, sprawling deer repellent varieties such as thick hedges of boxwoods around your garden.

CLEANLINESS COUNTS Trim tall grasses to deter bedding deer. Pick fruits once they're ripe.

CREATE LEVELS Adding terraces or sunken beds can discourage them from coming into the yard.

DON'T UNDERESTIMATE THE POWER OF SCARE TACTICS Scarecrows, sundials, and other garden ornaments make deer skittish.

FENCE IT IN Make sure fences are at least 8-feet high.
WRAP NEW PLANTINGS Placing netting over fruit,

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USE A LOT OF HOMESPUN REPELLENTS Some gardeners swear by hanging fabric softener strips and/or wrapped bars of soap from trees.

AVOID POISONOUS PRODUCTS Always choose humane formulas—never poisons.

TRING FISHING LINE This clear, taut barrier also confuses deer, causing them to flee.

LET FIDO OUT Dogs are effective in deer management.

STRATEGICALLY PLACE MOTION-ACTIVATED SPRINKLERS Sprinklers with sensors will make deer flee.

SHINE A LIGHT ON IT Installing motion-sensitive floodlights will stop deer.

MAKE A LOT OF NOISE Create a tin can wind chime, for example.

SWITCH IT UP Deer are like people. The same thing that deters one won't always deter another, but doubling—or tripling—up on these strategies can only help.

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I wholeheartedly agree that reasonable restrictions surrounding the airport could be helpful, but meeting with stakeholders of the East Hampton Airport as part of the process would indeed be the wisest move on the part of the town. Unbelievably, as of right now, the town does not even guarantee that the airport will reopen at all. Furthermore, my position on this is not limited just to the issue pertaining to the airport, but also how the town operates and will continue to do so in order for East Hampton to fully thrive.

We know what is happening, so why are we going to accept the fact that the town board refuses to simply sit down with these stakeholders rather than working out a compromise which costs nothing at all? This money, OUR money, could be much better spent on helping local or even Ukrainian charities. We could all be making a difference and helping to change the lives of others instead of tunneling money to fund lawyers. It's time to wake up to what is happening in our town and work out a reasonable solution in an effort to find the best possible outcome which benefits us all.



As a resident of East Hampton for 50 years, 31 years of them spent as a fulltime fixture of this special spot, I, Andrew Sabin, care passionately about our people, our future, and those we could be helping. After all, I have my company headquarters here where I employ 40 people, and have helped dozens of reputable charities over the years, including these 50 who have received grants from the Andrew Sabin Family Foundation:

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- East Hampton Healthcare Foundation
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- Ladies Village Improvement Society
- Local TV, Inc
- Montauk Fire Department
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- Montauk Historical Society
- Paddlers for Humanity
- Project Most
- Springs Fire Department
- Springs Food Pantry
- Springs Triangle Corp
- The Retreat
- Village of East Hampton PBA
- Whalebone Housing & Development Fund
- Windmill Housing Development
- YMCA Rec Center of East Hampton

It is this fierce dedication and desire to make a difference that infuriates me when I see how callously our own town board is handling the current situation, and I hope you feel the same. I have seen firsthand just how much we could do with this type of money which is being pissed away for no reason whatsoever. Think of what these millions of dollars could do, such as building an orphanage in Ukraine, another charitable endeavor I have been heavily involved in raising funds and awareness for.

Where would you rather see your money go?

As a businessman, philanthropist, and even more importantly, a family man, I am appalled at the behavior of those who are supposed to be working for the good of the community and its citizens. I am just as comfortable teaching kids about nature as being in the boardroom, but I do know when something feels nonsensical, counterproductive, and just plain ignorant. Our town, whose best interests I have at heart as they are also my own, even awarded me a Proclamation of Appreciation for my extensive and widespread charitable works around East Hampton, especially during the COVID-19 crisis. Currently, I am building six examination rooms in our new hospital as well as a cattery at ARF, the local Animal Rescue Fund. That is why the indifference I am witnessing to the financial wellbeing, as well as conscience of this tightknit family that is East Hampton, is saddening and quite frankly, despicable. We are putting our money, and more so our trust, into a board who is unwilling to compromise and listen. The only way they get away with this is if you and I do nothing.

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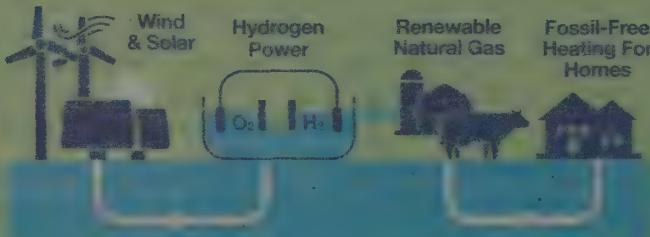
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Honoring This Week's Cover Artist: Savio Mizzi



"FLYFISHING MONTAUK" BY SAVIO MIZZI

BY DAVID TAYLOR

This week's cover art was created by skillful surrealist painter Savio Mizzi, a returning *Dan's Papers* cover favorite. Here, he discusses his love of Montauk (and fishing), his goal to finish his Springs studio and more.

Talk about "Sunset at Duryea's" creation.

Sunset is Mother Nature at its best, and sunset at Duryea's is no exception. This piece was commissioned by a client of mine.

What is it about Montauk that inspires you creatively?

The ocean, the fishing, the lighthouse and the

sounds of the ocean bring peace to mind. I combine fishing into my art.

How do your inspirations and/or creative process change as the weather gets warmer?

I do more work outside. But mostly I fish. I own a charter business; I'm a captain so I take people fishing. I love it — that's my serenity.

What is one artistic hope or goal you have for this summer or this year?

First one is to finish my new studio in Springs and start working on some new pieces.



"BLUE" BY SAVIO MIZZI



"UNDER THE LILLY PADS" BY SAVIO MIZZI



"CHASING BAIT" BY SAVIO MIZZI



"LOBSTER" BY SAVIO MIZZI

What do you consider your greatest artistic achievement/accomplishment?

I was an illustrator and designer. I worked on a lot of book covers, movie posters and fashion illustrations.

What do you find most rewarding about being an artist?

The creativity because you are being creative whether you are designing a piece of furniture, waterfall or a piece of art.

Would you like to share any closing thoughts or additional info?

Once somebody said, "Creativity is nothing but a mind set free," so free your mind and create.

To see more of Savio Mizzi's work, visit fineartamerica.com/profiles/savio-mizzi and follow him on social media @savioartstudio on Instagram and Facebook.



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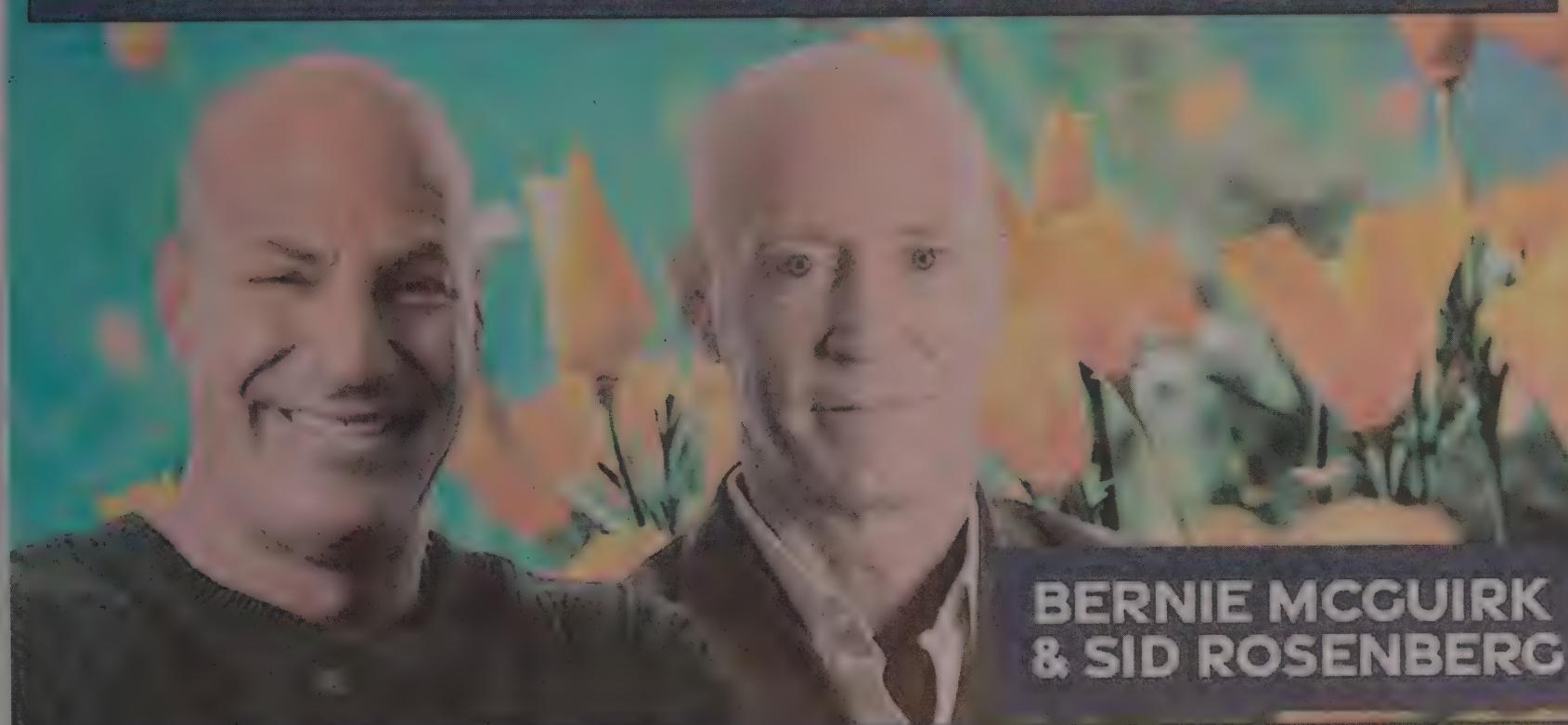
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Hamptons Adult Hardball Returns with 2022 Season Opener This Sunday

BY OLIVER PETERSON

Hamptons Adult Hardball (HAH) is kicking off the league's 2022 season with a special Opening Day doubleheader this Sunday, May 15 at Southampton High School. Along with playing the first two games of the season back to back, players and fans will watch a presentation of the HAH championship belt to 2021 champs, the Harbor Krakens.

Sunday's debut game features a rematch of the 2021 Championship — with Tim Pilinko and the Harbor Krakens taking on HAH cofounder Pete Barylski and the Southampton Brewers (previously the South Fork Giants) at 9 a.m. The doubleheader will continue with the Sag Harbor Royals (managed by HAH cofounder Jim Kinnier) playing the East End Ospreys (managed by Michael Chiarello) at noon.

Both games will take place at the Southampton High School varsity baseball field (141 Narrow Lane, Southampton — field is located beyond the tennis courts).

"After a successful inaugural season, we are happy to say 'Play ball!' again," Barylski, a Water Mill resident, said in an announcement of the Opening Day events. "Our second season looks to be competitive, there has been a youth push by all four teams and

more local players. Three of the four teams are back: the defending champs the Harbor Krakens, Sag Harbor Royals and Southampton Brewers, and the new team on the block is the East End Ospreys."

Hamptons Adult Hardball is a wood bat baseball league (only wood and composite bats allowed — no aluminum) for adult players age 30 and older. Longtime players in regional leagues and tournaments west of the Hamptons, Kinnier and Barylski founded the HAH league last year, manifesting something for the community from their shared love of the sport, which they wanted to bring closer to home.

Barylski is a lifelong New York Mets fan and landscaper by trade who has been playing on and managing baseball teams for the past 30 years in men's leagues throughout Long Island, and he's also competed in regional and national baseball tournaments. He still has dreams of cracking the New York Mets starting rotation, but HAH might be the next best thing.

Another diehard NY Mets fan, Kinnier is a Sag Harbor resident and teacher who has played in "up-island" leagues for the past decade, and has fond memories of playing in the Play at the Plate Cooperstown tournament (run by Scott Green). "Baseball is America's sport, and Pete and I are proud to start



TIM PILINKO, MANAGER OF HAMPTONS ADULT HARDBALL LEAGUE'S HARBOR KRAKENS, AT BAT

this local baseball league," he said of launching HAH last season. "This could be the beginning of something great for the community."

As noted above, this summer's HAH 2022 season will feature 2021 champs, the Harbor Krakens (managed by Tim Pilinko), along with the Southampton Brewers (managed by Pete Barylski), Sag Harbor Royals (managed by Jim Kinnier) and East End Ospreys (managed by Michael Chiarello).

Visit hamptonsadulthardball.com to learn more about Hamptons Adult Hardball, including game schedule and registration information for prospective players.

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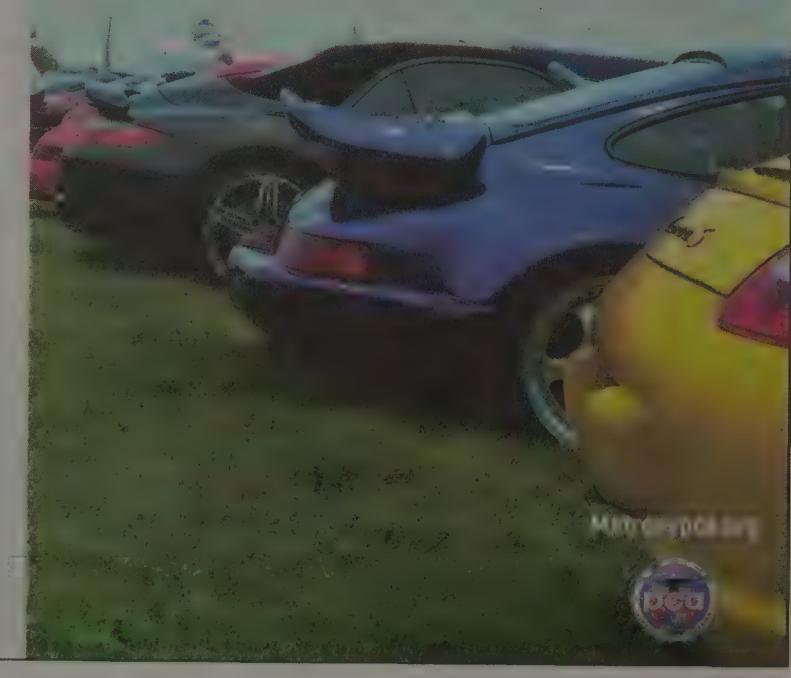
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Forever Summer:

Hamptons Docusoap Greenlit for Amazon Prime

BY OLIVER PETERSON

Following Discovery's successful *Selling the Hamptons* and *Serving the Hamptons* industry-focused shows (real estate and restaurants, respectively), the Hamptons-set reality television stable appears to be getting even more crowded. Amazon Studios announced this week that they've greenlit *Forever Summer: Hamptons*, a new so-called "docusoap" — aka reality TV — series about coming-of-age romance, for a July release on Prime Video.

The Wednesday, May 4 announcement, which listed *Forever Summer: Hamptons* along with two other reality shows, *The One That Got Away* and *Cosmic Love*, says the series explores, among other things, the dichotomy between summer visitors and locals (or "the humble townies").

Forever Summer: Hamptons is a coming-of-age docusoap, set against the idyllic backdrop of the Hamptons, about a group of college kids from widely different backgrounds, from wealthy New York City kids who descend for the summer, to the humble townies. By day, they're working at a seaside restaurant. By night, they are tearing up the town, testing friendships, and exploring love during the hottest days of the year. This group and their friends are chas-

ing the perfect summer at a pivotal time in their lives, when carefree adolescence is about to end. Come September, the stakes and responsibilities will be high, but the summer is theirs for the taking.

Not much has been revealed about the series beyond this description and a few stills taken from one, or possibly several, episodes. And while the photos don't show much, especially without context, it seems a safe bet that at least two of the cast members are working at East Quogue's Dockers Waterside Marina & Restaurant — specifically, judging by their T-shirts, the Dockers on the Rocks food truck. We also might extrapolate from this that the show takes place in the East Quogue/Westhampton Beach part of the Hamptons where it's all about Dune Road, rather than the Montauk/East Hampton or Southampton/Bridgehampton areas.

Produced by Amazon Studios and Haymaker East, *Forever Summer: Hamptons* has some reality heavyweights in its corner.

It's executive produced by Lynne Spillman (*Making The Cut*, *Survivor*), along with Aaron Rothman, Josh Halpert, and Jesse Light for Haymaker East (*Southern Charm*, *Camp Getaway*), Jessica Chesler (*Southern Charm*, *Ladies of London*); and Morgan Miller (*Southern Charm*, *Million Dollar Listing: Los*



SCENE FROM "FOREVER SUMMER: HAMPTONS" ON PRIME VIDEO THIS JULY

Angeles).

"We're excited to introduce a new slate of addictive, entertaining reality programming that celebrates love and relationships in all forms," Amazon Studios head of global television Vernon Sanders says. "*Forever Summer: Hamptons* gives us a classic, dramatic reality show in an idyllic place with a cast that's not afraid of confrontation," Sanders adds, pointing out that this and the two other projects are "amazing additions to our unscripted slate and will make Prime Video the destination for juicy, escapist summer content."

Look for *Forever Summer: Hamptons* streaming this July on Prime Video.

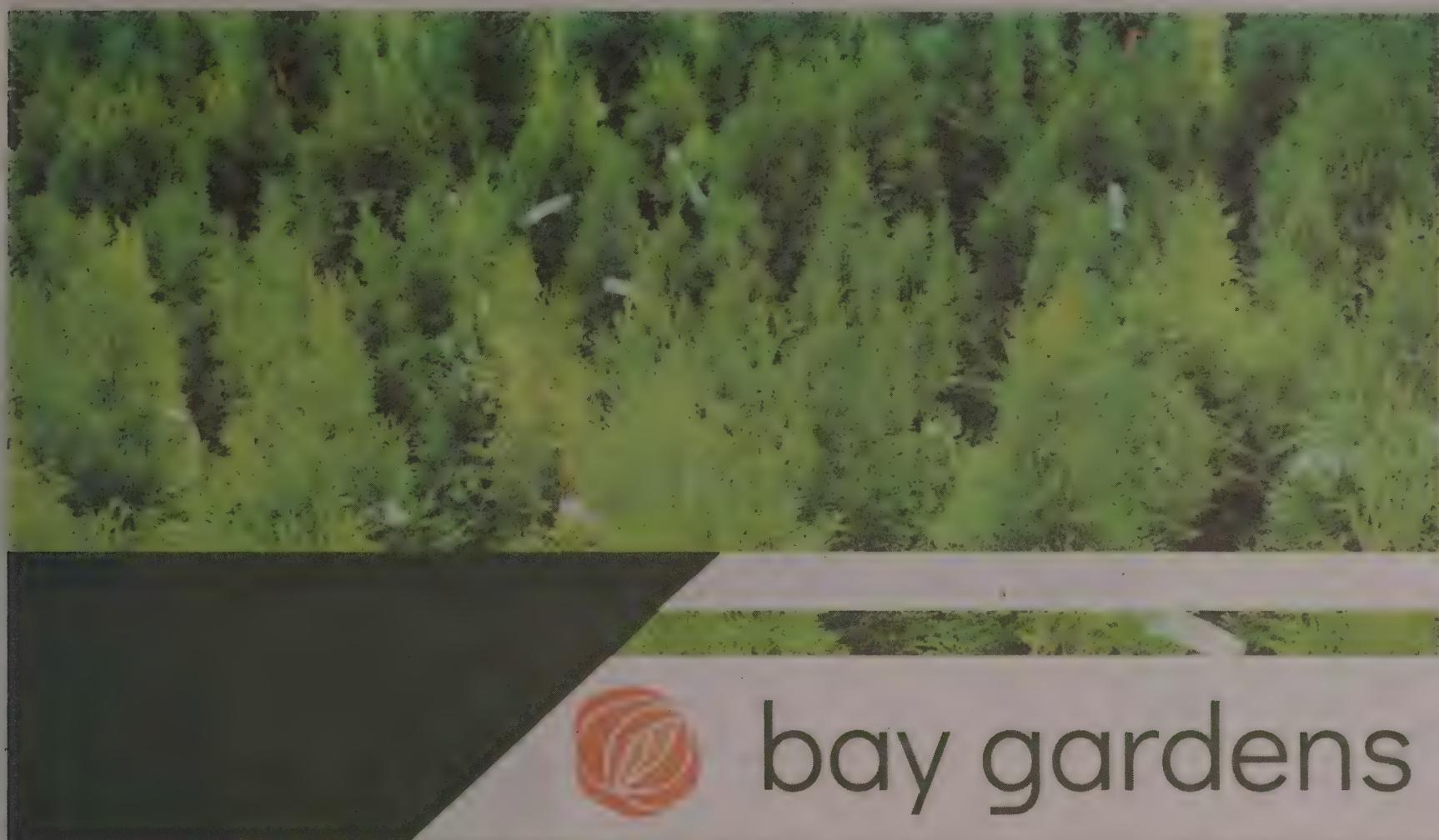
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It was a packed and fun-filled week, from fundraisers for great causes to pure fun wearing an outrageous Kentucky Derby hat at our Dan's Papers celebration in Southampton of the classic race.

Thanks to my friend **Danny Frank**, I attended a gala that netted more than \$630,000 for scholarships for girls going to the enormously successful St. Jean Baptiste High School in Manhattan's Upper East Side.

The school, founded in 1929 by the **Sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame**, serves young women of diverse backgrounds by offering them a quality education. The powerful school has seen nearly 100% of their students go onto college and great careers.

Dear friends **Roger and Ann Cooper**, co-chairs of the scholarship gala, encouraged the packed room of donors to be generous and they were, knowing each dollar raised would help to place a girl in a precious seat.

I was struck and tears rolled down my cheeks to hear the expression of thanks from the girls who had received the life-changing scholarships.

As a bonus, I got to meet the emcee: the humorous **Adriana Trigiani**, a *New York Times* best-selling author and screenwriter. As a gift, she gave each guest a copy of her latest book, *The Good Left Undone*. I can't wait to read it!

Wednesday saw me in Harlem with my colleague **Tanya Phillips**.

We were meeting friends at **Melba's Restaurant** at 300 West 114th Street. Melba's is a bustling Southern cuisine restaurant owned



**Yveline Legagneur, Tanya Phillips, Melba Wilson,
Caryn York and Elizabeth Arons.**



Students and leaders of the fundraising effort, which netted \$630,000.

by **Melba**, who came to greet us.

I had never eaten oxtails before, but I'm now a convert to this dish, which is like brisket, but on a short bone. I ate delicious, bite-size pieces, paired with mouthwatering mashed, soft sweet potatoes — my two favorites of many dishes served. In fact, we ordered so much food that everyone went home with doggie bags!

I was delighted to dine with **Yveline Legagneur** from Manhattan Educational Opportunity Center and **Elizabeth Arons**, who I had met in Palm Beach.

Joining us at the dinner table were new friends **Caryn York**, who

is the first Black woman to lead the **Women's Prison Association**, a 177-year-old group devoted to empowering women to redefine their lives in the face of injustice and incarceration.

Coming from Baltimore, Caryn is devoted to bringing her knowledge to New York and I can tell her energy and passion will bring new life to an important cause.

She knows that it's critical for the safety of our city to offer training to the women she serves in an effort to prevent repeat offenses.

Ironically, two days later, I was at the **Kimberly Hotel** for a party celebrating **Mayor Eric Adams**, who spoke eloquently at the roof-



Derby hats at their best!

"watch party" at the **Southampton Publick House**, a charming spot on Jobs Lane in Southampton Village.

Thanks to my friend **Todd Shapiro** (a public relations guru) and his wife **Liz**, we repeated the event we did last year, in coordination with **Jake's 58 Casino Hotel** and **OTB**. Within a month, OTB will be offering live dealers at the casino.

The rain and cold weather did not dampen the spirit of the people in the packed pub.

There was great excitement in the air as one woman after another showed off the wonderful, fanciful hats the Triple Crown races are famous for — besides the horses, of course!

When the race kicked off, the cheers of the crowd deafened my ears as the horses turned the final lap. It was exciting to see the nose-to-nose finishing moments, but a big groan came up when everyone saw the long shot that few bet on was the winner.

I don't bet, but I loved the energy created by the race and a dreary day became a joyous one.



With OTB's Mike Torres and legislator Trish Bergin.

It was such fun to also meet **Mike Torres** of **Eastport**, who runs Suffolk OTB, and **Trish Bergin**, a county legislator, as well as co-hostess **Jean Shafiroff**, who looked stunning in her bright red dress and brilliant red hat.

Finishing off the jam-packed week was a wonderful Mother's Day luncheon:

I got a bonus having my grandchildren **Jonah** and **Addy** come over after lunch to swim!

What a wonderful way to end a wondrous week!

top cocktail party about his mission to make our city streets safe again.

We must all call on our elected officials to reinstate laws that will put repeat offenders in prison.

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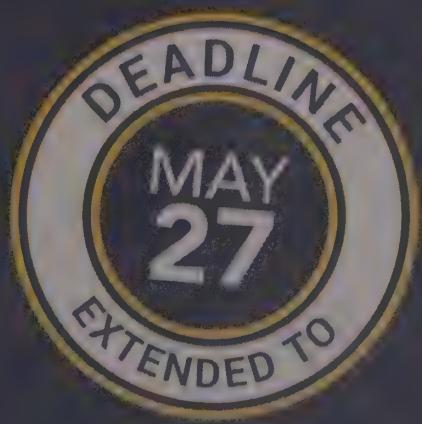
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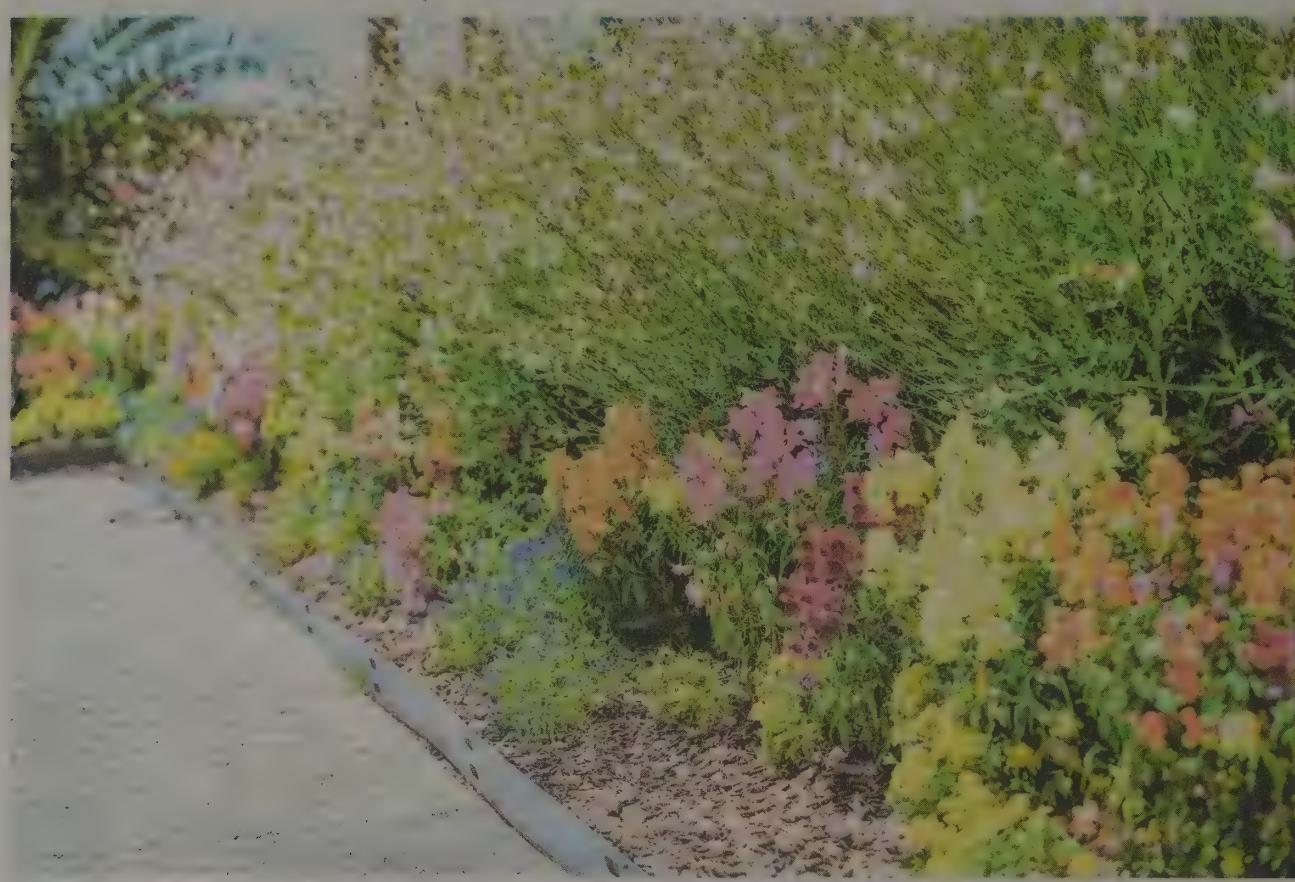
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258 East Montauk Highway, Hampton Bays. 631-594-3868, cowfishrestaurant.com

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2429 Montauk Highway,
Bridgehampton. 212-741-9403, bcmf.org/product-page/french-flourishes

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161 Main Street, Amagansett. 631-267-3117, stephentalkhouse.com

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SATURDAY, MAY 14, 11-NOON.

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MERCEDEZ-BENZ CLUB: CARS, COFFEE & A BOTTLE OF WINE

SUNDAY, MAY 15, 11 A.M.-3 P.M.

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SATURDAY, MAY 14, 10-11:30 A.M.

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MAREN HASSINGER AT DIA BRIDGEHAMPTON

ON VIEW THROUGH MAY 31

Don't miss one of the last weeks to view this special exhibition featuring bush sculptures and fabric panels created by artist Maren Hassinger, who taught at Stony Brook Southampton during the 1990s. Her work explores the relationships between ecology, humanity and identity.

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TERENCE NETTER: VISIONS AND REVISIONS REVISITED

ON VIEW THROUGH JULY 31

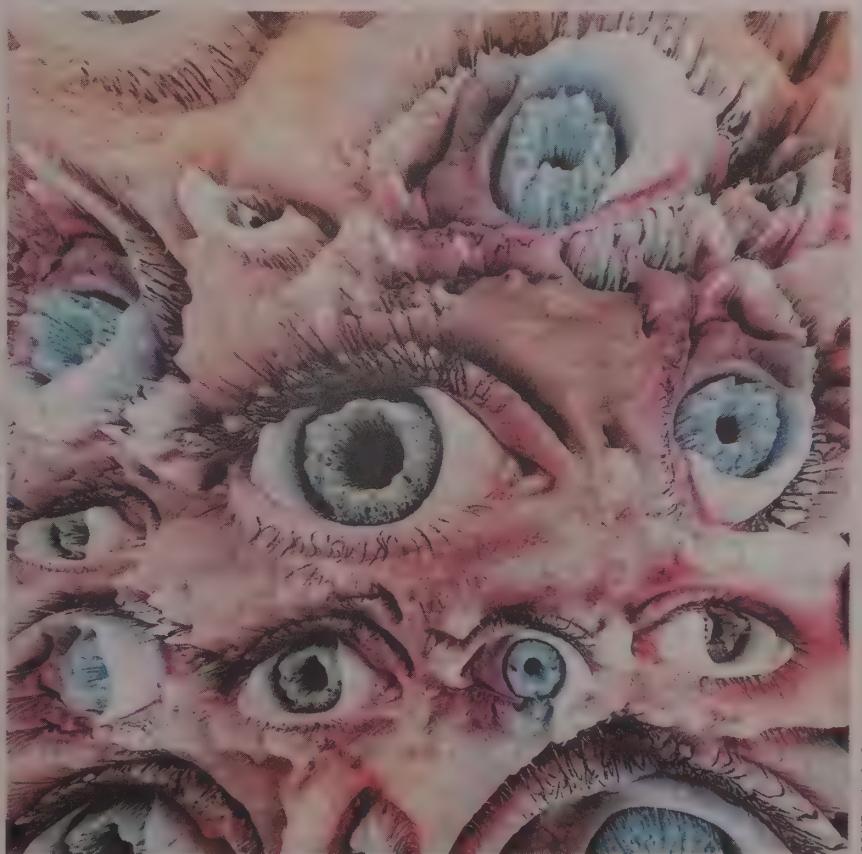
Terence Netter became the founding director of the Stony Brook University Fine Arts Center in 1979. His friendship with Lee Krasner led to the Pollock-Krasner House and Study Center becoming deeded to the Stony Brook Foundation. This exhibition is inspired by Netter's 1997 show titled *Visions and Revisions*.

830 Springs-Fireplace Road, East Hampton. 631-324-4929, stonybrook.edu/commcms/pkhouse/exhibitions.php

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*102 Main Street,
Greenport. eventbrite.
com/e/brunch-
and-jazz-on-the-dock-
tickets-242152664137*

CLASSIC WINE COUNTRY BIKE TOUR

SATURDAY, MAY 14,
10:30 A.M.-3:30 P.M.

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*15975 County Road 48, Cutchogue.
631-734-8282, sanninovineyard.com*

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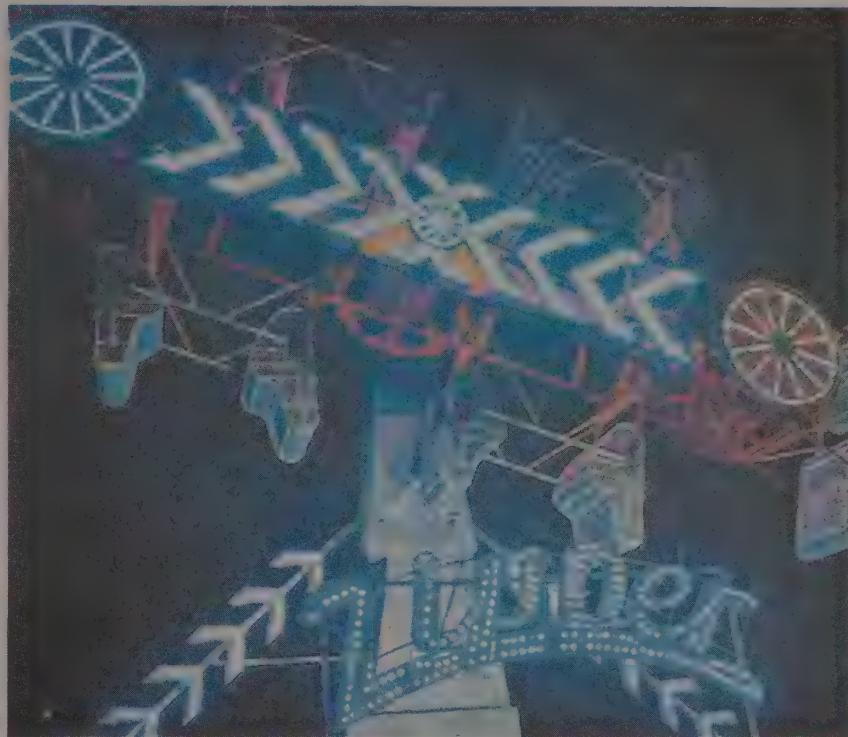
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9825 Main Road, Mattituck. 631-298-4908, magicfountaintogo.com/ny9825/menu.php

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355 Ferry Road, Sag Harbor. 631-725-1120, northhavenny.us

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FOOD & DRINK

Chefs on the Move & More

BY HARRY POWERS

With Memorial Day Weekend, two weeks away, it's time to get ready to grill! **TownLine BBQ** pitmaster Bill Valentine shows us the way with his smoked chicken recipe.

One of New York's top chefs is setting up his kitchen in Southold this season: Francois Payard will introduce **Southold Social** at the site of the former Caci. Look for North Fork veteran, Adam Lovett, to man the front of the house. Payard, who was named the James Beard House Pastry Chef of the Year in 1995, has also put his imprimatur on **Southold General**, the everyday shop that offers sandwiches, soups,

burgers and buttermilk fried chicken. Look for a late May or June opening for **Southold Social**.

Here's a nice local collab: **Dreesen's** doughnuts in East Hampton is teaming up with **John's Drive-In** in Montauk to create a cinnamon doughnut coffee ice cream. It's a small batch ice cream that can be found at Dreesen's catering at 15 Lumber Lane in East Hampton Village and soon (think warmer months) at John's, and **Vicki's Veggies** in Amagansett.

You never know what happens during the off-season in Montauk — like chef David Piacente who is now formerly of Gosman's. He's now the co-owner of **Naturally Good Cafe** on Montauk Highway in the village of Montauk. His partner, Lauren Martin, is a graduate from NYU with a Masters in Nutrition and Dietetics. Piacente, is a graduate of The Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park. They both work to help enhance the experience at Naturally Good and guide one towards enjoying a healthier lifestyle. The cafe offers fresh fruit and vegetable juices, smoothies, healthy salads, fair trade organic coffee and teas, and vegan baked goods. Daily specials include homemade soups and veggie burgers, veggie stir-fries, burritos, salad specials and a variety

of wraps. Their signature sandwich, The Bruce, is made with local yellowfin tuna piled high and served on sprouted multi-grain bread. Enjoy a meal at their outside seating in a private garden or inside.

Next time you're in Greenport, mosey into the **Gallery Cafe** located in the **Kon-Tiki** space on Main Street. Right now, they're serving breakfast and lunch with dinner to follow. Chefs Cheo Avila and Chef de Cuisine Ryan Barth-Dwyer are in the kitchen. Avila, who runs the Kon-Tiki kitchen in the same space, manages both the hotel and the restaurant and wanted to offer a breakfast and lunch menu to both hotel guests and the community at-large. The hotel previously only offered a continental breakfast for guests. The menu is Mediterranean-inspired.

Lil' Birdie and **Sen** restaurant in Sag Harbor are collaborating on a Sunday Supper on May 15. Look for a six-course pairing of sake with Lil' Birdie's killer ramen. There are two seatings; one at 5:30 p.m. and the other at 8:30 p.m. Call the host restaurant, Sen, to reserve at 631-725-1774.

Did You Know: New York State is now officially allowing takeout drinks to be sold at restaurants if they so choose



BILL VALENTINE

for the next three years. You can't buy a bottle of liquor from a restaurant and food must accompany the order. Drinks also must have a lid that can be sealed.

Bits & Bites: **Rita's Cantina** in Springs is now open for the season featuring a daily happy hour from 4–6 p.m. featuring \$1 oysters and \$10 margaritas or glass of wine ... **Calissa** in Water Mill has started al fresco dining for the spring and summer season.

Food Quote: "People who love to eat are always the best people."

~ Julia Child

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A RITA CANTINA CLASSIC MARGARITA

ERIC STRIFFLER

Recipe: TownLine Smoked Chicken

Ingredients:

2 natural whole frying chickens

1 qt hot tap water

1 qt ice water

2 oz salt

4 oz sugar

1 oz chilipowder

Blended oil (to rub the chickens)

Salt and black pepper to taste

TownLine rub to taste (purchase at the restaurant) or use your own.

Procedure:

Spatchcock & brine chickens:

1. Remove the backbone from the 2 chickens and clean any excess fat. Splay the chickens. This is called spatchcock.
2. In a vessel that can hold the chickens, add the hot tap water, salt, sugar, and chili powder. Stir to dissolve.
3. Pour in the ice water.
4. Add the chickens.
5. Submerge the chickens into the brine.
6. Place into the refrigerator for at least 12 hours and no longer than 2 days.

Smoking:

1. Remove the chickens from the brine and discard the brine.
2. With a paper towel blot the chickens dry.
3. Rub the chickens down with the oil.
4. Season the chickens liberally with the salt and pepper.
5. Season the chickens liberally with the Townline rub (contrary to its name, rarely do you ever rub — sprinkle works fine!).
6. Over a hickory or white oak wood fire, set the smoker temp

to 225°F.

7. Place the chickens skin side up in the smoker and smoke for approximately 2–3 hours depending on size, or until a thermometer reaches 165°F internal temp in the thickest part of the breast.

8. Let the chicken's rest. About 7 minutes.

9. Cut the chickens up, and serve with some coleslaw, pickles, beans.

For a crispy skin (optional):

1. Warm a cast-iron skillet on the stove on medium heat with a good film of oil.
2. Gently place the chicken in the skillet skin side down and pan fry until the chicken is crispy.

This recipe comes to us courtesy of TownLine BBQ in Sagaponack, townlinebbq.com



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Dan's Taste Summer Series Lineup Announced



THE DAN'S TASTE SUMMER SERIES COMBINES DELICIOUS FOOD WITH BEAUTIFUL VIEWS.

Summer is right around the corner and there is no better way to celebrate than toasting the Dan's Taste Summer Series, presented by Yieldstreet, the Hamptons' premier annual food and drink party series. Entry to each event includes signature food from the best East End and Manhattan chefs as well as unlimited signature cocktails, beer and wine.

The Dan's Taste Summer Series kicks off with the popular **Dan's Chefs of the Hamptons** in which a group of the Hamptons' top chefs serve up delicious bites along with popular wines, beer and cocktails. This year, the event format will be changed up to include a guest DJ and walk around party format. Eight Hamptons chefs will serve up their signature offering. Venues participating include EHP Resort & Marina, Gurney's Resorts, Calissa, Ruschmeyers, Carissa's Bakery, Old Stove Pub, Manna at Lobster Inn, Union Sushi & Steak, Newlight Breadworks and PopUpBagels.

Dan's Chefs of the Hamptons will be held from 7–10 p.m. on Thursday, June 9 at EHP Resort & Marina in East Hampton. The party includes all food & drink in a perfect setting to enjoy the sunset party.

The second party in the series will be **Dan's Chefs of the North Fork**, celebrating the bounty of the region's fresh farm- and sea-to-table ingredients. The unique format of this event is a seated dinner experience with eight North Fork chefs preparing hors d'oeuvres followed by five decadent courses. Participating chefs and wineries include aMano, Latin Fuzion Restaurant, Chef Frank's Market, Main Road Biscuit Co., McCall Wines, Rugged

Jack's, The Halyard at Sound View Greenport, The Chequit, Southold General, Claudio's, Jamesport Vineyards, Borghese Vineyard & Winery, Ellen's on Front, The Preston House & Hotel, RGNY, Pindar Vineyards, Insatiable Eats, Peconic Bay Vineyards and Raphael Wine.

Dan's Chefs of the North Fork will be held from 6:30–10 p.m. on Saturday, June 25 at Atlantis Banquets & Events in Riverhead. The venue provides stunning water views of the Peconic River and a central location for guests coming from either Fork.

Next up will be **Dan's Rosé Soirée**, in which three dozen of the world's finest rosé wines, the unofficial drink of the Hamptons summer, will be available for tasting along with a sampling of delicious bites from more than 15 of the East End's top chefs and restaurants. As is tradition, this event will be a walk-around tasting, so guests can grab a glass and take in the electric atmosphere.

Dan's Rosé Soirée will be held from 7–10 p.m. on Saturday, July 9 at The Muses in Southampton. This will be the event's first year at this magical and expansive venue.

The Dan's Taste Summer Series, presented by Yieldstreet, culminates in the newly revamped signature weekend featuring annual favorite **Dan's GrillHampton** on Friday, August 5 and the inaugural Dan's Bubbles on Saturday, August 6, both of which will be hosted at The Bridgehampton Museum in Bridgehampton.

Dan's GrillHampton is the ultimate culinary clash of Hamptons versus New York City, at which eight

East End chefs and pitmasters will compete against eight of their Manhattan counterparts to win the votes of celebrity judges and guests. Only one team's dishes can secure the victory, so the competition will be fierce. And while guests are deciding on their champion, they won't want to miss all the beer, specialty cocktails, live music and dancing that round out this one-of-a-kind night.

The all-new **Dan's Bubbles** is both familiar and fresh all at once. It's a walk-around tasting and as the name implies, this will be the first Dan's Taste Summer Series event to place bubbly center stage. Guests will enjoy the finest Champagnes as they pair each glass with fresh seafood and fried chicken prepared by 15 esteemed local chefs. This is sure to be a night to remember.

As always, the Dan's Taste Summer Series is committed to charitable giving and will once again be donating a portion of ticket proceeds to local charities, including All For The East End (AFTEE), which raises funds available through a grant process to support the work of nonprofit organizations on the East End.

In addition to Yieldstreet as a presenting sponsor, sponsors include Tito's Vodka, BMW, Dime Community Bank, Angel's Envy, White Claw and LaCroix. The Dan's Taste Summer Series, presented by Yieldstreet, is hosted by Schneps Events, a division of *Dan's Papers* parent company Schneps Media.

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Something to Wine About: Canned White Wines

BY LINDA DELMONICO PRUSSEN

It's well established that wine in cans is more than just a passing trend. It is a convenient way to drink quality wine. It's safer for boats and at pools than glass. It's easier to transport to picnics. It's fun to be able to have an assortment of great wines on hand. And it's great for portion control. But, keep in mind, not all cans are created equal.

First, one must know that the wine in the can is terrific. Be assured the two wines we'll talk about here — Bridge Lane White Merlot, and CANette White Wine Spritzer with blueberry and lemon — are great! Both are quality Long Island wines. Both are light and refreshing, and pair great with springtime fare like salads, and fruits. Both fun at barbecues, and both drink well on their own. They are also both packaged in sky blue cans.

Now, the differences. We'll start with the most important difference when drinking: These are two completely different products. The Bridge Lane White Merlot comes in a small can that

equals 250ml, which is one third of a bottle of wine, and it is 12% alcohol. That is equal to about one and a half glasses of wine. The CANette is a white wine spritzer. The can is larger with 375ml of product that comes in at 6% alcohol. This can is about the size of one beer. The CANette is a larger can but you are drinking less alcohol than the Bridge Lane.

The Bridge Lane has notes of white peach and light cherry. It's dry and delicious. Equally, delicious is the CANette White Wine Spritzer with blueberry and lemon. It is bursting with fresh ripe blueberry flavor and just enough lemon to keep each sip balanced and fresh.

A four-pack of the CANette is \$24. A four-pack of the Bridge Lane White Merlot is \$28. Both are great staples to have on hand for summer parties. Just be sure to let imbibers know the difference.

For more on Bridge Lane wines, visit liebel-lars.com/bridge-lane-wine. And for more on CANette, visit chroniclewines.co/canette.



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Meats Meat BBQ Opens Mattituck Shop After Food Truck Success

BY OLIVER PETERSON

Larry "Meat" Mondello, proprietor of the Meats Meat food truck and a brand new brick-and-mortar shop in Mattituck, is by all accounts having a banner year, two years, really. Through hard work, a bit of good luck and a wealth of talent, the 41-year-old Mattituck resident took his business full-time, expanded his food truck operation and put plans in motion to open his own shop, Meats Meat BBQ — all while the COVID pandemic was laying waste to many less fortunate businesses.

The timing was, of course, no coincidence, as the pandemic proved to be a boon for food trucks, which were allowed to operate while sit-down restaurants were forced to close. But Mondello has earned his good fortune in spades, and the Meats Meat BBQ shop is already a hit, and that has nothing to do with a virus, shutdowns or anything else but quality food and a great reputation gained through serving hungry guests at festivals, private gatherings, breweries and other regional events since 2016.

Located in the former home of North Fork Doughnut Co. at 13175 Main Road in Mattituck, Meats Meat BBQ looks exactly how fans of the food truck might imagine. The 1,800-square-foot counter service-only shop, which offers some seating, has Mondello's signature black and white (with a hint of red) graphics over brick walls, a brushed metal counter set atop a stacked firewood motif and, of course, Meat himself — the stocky, bushy-bearded and tattoo-sleeved pitmaster dressed in black, with rubber gloves, sunglasses and baseball cap to match — the dude whose face is on those wall graphics and all the merch.

His nickname and his appearance could be intimidating to some, but Mondello is an easygoing guy who's clearly proud of what he's accomplished, and happy to talk about his thriving business.

"The last few days have been crazy," he says shortly after opening last week, sharing his amazement over the incredible response. "By-the-pound has been our biggest seller. I was very surprised, usually I run the food truck with sandwiches and mac and cheese, but it totally flipped. We're selling brisket like crazy by the pound," he continues, explaining that the shop was born out of a need for a bigger kitchen to supply his trucks as the business flourished, but it's already outperforming his expectations.

"We were kind of running out of room. Where do we keep all this food when we serve 2,000 people, you



LARRY "MEAT" MONDELLO



as locally grown produce, such as onions and peppers, whenever possible.

"Cherry is a really sweet, light smoke, and hickory is still sweet, but it's a little stronger in flavor so it picks up these other notes which are good for beef," he says, pointing out that the shop also sells desserts, including chocolate chip cookies, banana cream pie, whoopie pies and more from The Treatery, a Setauket-based sweets food truck that Mondello built for its owner Christina Padrazo.

If all this wasn't enough, Meats Meat has also produced barbecue sauce, dry rub and hot sauce for retail, the latter using Asian peri-peri hot peppers, which are currently being grown specially for Mondello by Larry Kaiser at 1760 Homestead Farm in Riverhead. "We dry them out and we'll make all those hot sauces for the year," he says, noting the peppers are about 3/4-inch long and pack a punch of flavor and heat at 175,000 Scovilles. One pepper goes in each bottle of sauce.

Meats Meat BBQ is well on the way to cementing its place among the North Fork's most beloved food purveyors, and each new venture improves upon the last. Mondello is working with an app creator to set up GrubHub-like deliveries at better prices, he's building a new permanent smoker for his shop, and he hopes to one day open a sit-down restaurant.

And for anyone who wants to know, he got the "Meat" nickname well before he started in the barbecue biz, but that's a story you'll have to ask him.

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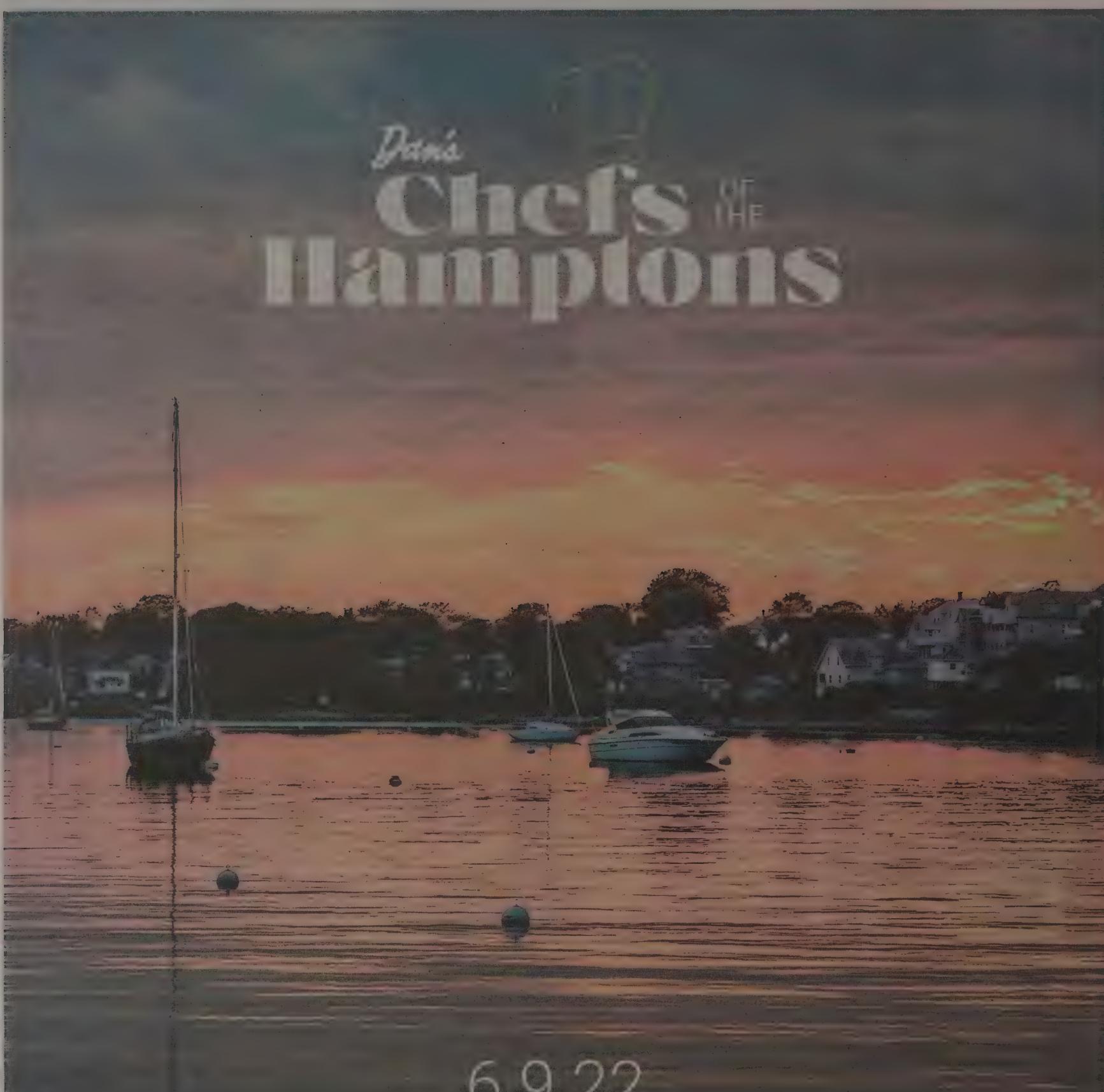


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Crash Cantina Debuts at Refreshed Inn Spot in Hampton Bays

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

Crash Cantina, a trendy new open-air restaurant with a creative Latin American-inspired menu, is opening May 16 at Inn Spot, a collection of recently renovated bungalows overlooking Shinnecock Bay in Hampton Bays.

The new destination promises to bring a fresh boost of vibrance to the Ponquogue Beach area on the east end of Dune Road. The proprietors are the same team behind EHP Resort & Marina and Sí Sí, which both launched last year in East Hampton.

"I always wanted to create a concept that I felt could embody all of those things that we all love in a cantina, which is always the food, the music, the vibe, and also the cocktails and the margarita offerings," says Dane Sayles, the head of Culinary and Operations.

Those offerings also include a hearty selection of tacos. The menu boasts both traditional and non-traditional options, such as smoked mushroom carnitas, crispy local fish with corn and daikon slaw, apple cider smoked chicken with mole verde and duck confit sopes with salsa verde.

The menu is predominantly seafood-focused with dishes such as Montauk fluke ceviche, local oysters

with mango and passion fruit mignonette and Bloody Mary cocktail sauce. An assortment of salads and bowls will also be available.

"It's not just a place where you go to eat tacos and it's all meat based," he notes. "There's a lot of vegetable options for guests who want to eat healthy. ... We've been doing our own version of a taco salad."

The cocktail menu has an extensive list of mezcal and tequila available to be served neat or in house-made margaritas such as mango, passion-fruit, tamarind, pineapple and hibiscus.

The chic venue's breezy bay-front location makes for perfect sunset views to enjoy with dinner. Guests looking to soak up the good vibes for more than just a meal will be able to check in to the Inn Spot's bungalows starting on May 23. The standalone accommodations encompass studios and suites with patios, kitchenettes, Brooklinen bedding and surf-inspired décor. Furniture pieces at both the inn and restaurant are textural, while décor is layered for an aesthetic that exudes an artist's tropical escape, according to the company.

"There's nothing else like this in Hampton Bays," he says. "We're bringing this energy and this hub of this restaurant that sits at the heart of the Inn Spot.



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Sag's First CBD Shop: Dragon Hemp Apothecary Lands in Sag Harbor

BY DAVID TAYLOR

A brand new store will debut on Sag Harbor's Main Street on Memorial Day weekend, and it just might be the East End's first shop dedicated to CBD hemp and Chinese herbs. Here comes Dragon Hemp Apothecary.

Owner of the apothecary and the Dragon Hemp line of CBD-based formulas, Kevin Menard, LAc. has been based in Sag Harbor for several years now — operating his sports medicine acupuncture clinic there since 2012. As an acupuncturist, he was able to study the medicinal effects of Chinese herbs and share his findings with clients. Unfortunately, despite the researched benefits, the herbs he recommended to clients weren't always well-received.

"I am a huge fan of Chinese herbs and use them in my practice, but the problem is, even though they're super effective, the compliance is really low," Menard says. "They taste horrible, they have a bad smell, they're brown, they're gross."

By 2018, CBD hemp was well on his radar, and he reports finding great results for anxiety and pain, so he began to experiment blending CBD with his Chinese herbs, and discovered a surprising level of synergy.

"Sometimes the CBD hemp will activate the other herbs, and sometimes the other herbs will activate the CBD hemp," he explains. "It's like making a cake — you have all these ingredients that work with each other to make something really special."

Rebranding as Dragon Hemp last year, Menard teamed up with Hudson Hemp to perfect the formulas for his brand's three pillars: sleep, recovery and performance. "I'm good with Chinese herbs; CBD hemp is relatively new for me," he admits, explaining why he wanted to team up with an expert chemist for his product launch.

Now, a little wiser and more researched in the benefits of CBD, Menard looks forward to personally

sharing his products with Sag Harbor. He chose the village not only due to proximity and familiarity, but because of the community's interest in alternative approaches to medicine.

"Sag Harbor is really special, because it's kind of a mecca for alternative healing. There are a lot of great yoga studios, Pilates studios ... massage therapists," he says. "There's a lot going on over there."

Menard has been an active member of the Sag Harbor community for years — offering free teen clinics and student anxiety support, and working with local soccer and rugby teams — and he didn't realize at the time that his community work would act as the serendipitous catalyst to opening his Main Street storefront:

"Quite honestly, it was luck. I had been looking for a while; it's impossible to find any real estate places in Sag," he says, explaining that one day a real estate friend alerted him to an off-market property that could be his if he could strike a deal with the owner. "I did a lot of work in the community, and he (the owner) kind of liked that, so he put me at the top of the list, and I was able to get the store."

He continues, "I like to feel like I'm part of the community and to give to the community. Doing as much work — especially with the teens and kids — it's what it's all about. To work with the locals and continue to make Sag Harbor even more vibrant on this level means a lot to me."

His drive to help the community is partly what motivated him to evolve the Dragon Hemp brand with a brick-and-mortar. He already has product on the shelves of White's Apothecary and Provisions Natural Foods Market, but feels that "there's a steep learning curve to learn exactly how they work" and to learn what each of the Chinese herbs are used for, and how CBD relates to cannabis, THC, the endocannabinoid system and other terms that many have heard of but few can prop-



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erly define and differentiate.

"The reason I opened the store is A: It's an opportunity to educate people on CBD and cannabis, and about all the different health benefits," Menard says. "And B: The Chinese herbs part. People don't really know that much about CBD — they know a lot less about Chinese herbs."

To that end, he intends to turn Dragon Hemp Apothecary — designed by Alfredo Paredes, former CCO at Ralph Lauren — into an experiential space, hosting discussions and tutorials with local practitioners, massage therapists, yogis. Even when a visiting expert isn't onsite, patrons are invited to peruse, ask, smell and learn before

they buy.

"CBD only treats certain conditions; it's not a magic bullet that treats everything," he notes. "So I will be extending the type of products I have in there."

The current Dragon Hemp product line includes organic full-spectrum CBD hemp tinctures, capsules and balms for sleep, recovery and performance. As Menard introduces new forms of formula, such as gummies, and new core ingredients, such as medicinal mushrooms, he'll be there to help patrons learn all about them.

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RABBI JOSH FRANKLIN

While the Greek language offers a plethora of words for love, each distinguishing the many kinds of relational love in our lives, Hebrew offers us a much less generous vocabulary for describing love. The most general word within Hebrew is “ahavah,” which is a love that can be romantic, relational with

God; between a person and a stranger, or simply imply a deep friendship. The other word used in Hebrew for love is “chesed,” which might be defined as an outpouring of unearned love for others through deed. Christianity might describe this as “grace,” but Judaism lends us the word “chesed.” Chesed isn’t a feeling, it’s an expression of love through how we treat others.

Rabbi Abraham Yachnes clarifies the extent to which the quality of chesed rises above a simple act of kindness. If you are walking down the street and someone is walking beside you carrying a large box, and you offer to help the person carry the box, that’s not chesed. You’d simply be a terrible person not to help someone in that situation. What counts as chesed is when you are walking the opposite way from someone carrying a burden, and you turn around to help carry that load in the direction he or she is going. Chesed requires self-sacrifice, and is never convenient or easy.

In Psalms we read “the world was built with chesed” (Psalm 89:2), reminding us that one of the building blocks of humanity and the world in which we live, is the expression of this kind of love. A story is told in rabbinic literature in which in Rabbi Yohannan ben Zakkai and Rabbi Yehoshua are walking in Jerusalem, and see the Temple in ruins. Rabbi Yehoshua asks the existential question: “How can we ever worship God now that the Temple is destroyed?” Rabbi Yohannan ben Zakkai responds, “Do not fear, we have another form of worshipping God that’s just as effective, chesed!” The best avenue to express love to God is through another human being. When we elevate our interactions with others to a place of chesed, we are best able to connect with God. Moreover, chesed doesn’t just improve our relationships, it fosters community, and repairs the brokenness within our world.

FATHER CONSTANTINE LAZARAKIS

Ah ... love! Teenagers pine for it. Parents spoil children because we “love” them. Corporations appeal to our longing for love to sell everything from Subarus to deodorant sticks. We profess our love for pizza, pop-stars and puppies. Love is behind much of what we do and believe, yet we have an impoverished understanding of love. Love is the supreme human experience, transcendent and transformative. But much of what we call love is baser and more egocentric than the real thing, while often true love evades us because we lack the patience, gratitude or the sensitivity to know it when we see it.

The ancient Greeks understood the critically important nuances of various human experiences that feel like love, and so their vocabulary on the subject was more varied than ours. The early Greek thinkers had several words for love — some count five, and others count up to eight. These range from the lofty forms of love like Agape (unconditional/divine love) to the more self-centered forms such as philautia (love for one’s self).

Love is the central theme of Christian scripture. I believe love is the impetus underlying all of the world’s great spiritual traditions. Love (or some type of it, at least) is the motivating factor behind cultural trends that have shaped and continue to shape civilizations. Misunderstanding love or prioritizing the wrong kind leads to disastrous outcomes for individuals, relationships and communities. St. Paul identified unconditional love as the highest form of love. Seeing as love is our deepest longing, and the justification for so much of what we do. It would do us all some good to think deeply about the variety of experiences we identify as love and to pray attentively about what the truest love is and how it can be manifested in our lives.

Father Constantine Lazarakis and Rabbi Josh Franklin will be co-teaching a class that will be open to the public this summer, True Love: An Interfaith Exploration of Relational Love. Details will be available soon.

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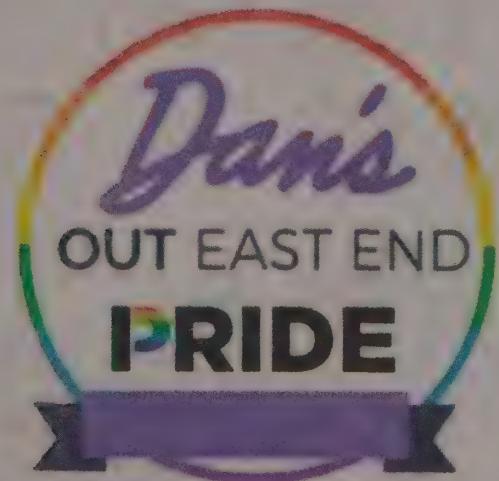
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Right Before I Go: ‘Golden Girls,’ ‘Roseanne’ Writer Stan Zimmerman’s East End Play Premiere



STAN ZIMMERMAN (SURPRISING THE LTV CAST WITH A ZOOM CALL) WITH (BACK ROW): MATTHEW CONLON, JOE PALLISTER, RACHEL FELDMAN, AMALA ASTOR, VALERIE DIORENZO; (FRONT ROW): ELENA SWEENEY, KING JOHNSON, NIN DOBISZEWSKA, NICOLE SELTZ, SUSAN STOUT

BY ANGELA LAGRECA

When Hollywood comedy writer Stan Zimmerman found out a very close friend of his had died by suicide, he was understandably overcome with shock and grief, leaving him not only at a loss for words — but with a boatload of questions.

Having gotten paid to write one-liners for iconic comedy television shows such as *The Golden Girls* and *Roseanne* (he and his writing part-

ner James Berg wrote the famous “lesbian kiss episode” on the show), Zimmerman’s natural instinct for humor was seemingly overshadowed by the loss.

“As a comedy writer, I didn’t think I could do anything with my art to combat the shame around the subject,” reflected Zimmerman recently in a phone interview

from his home in Los Angeles, on what coincidentally was the 10th year anniversary to the day of his close friend’s passing.

Initially being denied the opportunity to read his friend’s suicide note set Zimmerman on a rabid Google search: “Suicide Notes.”

“I started to collect all of these suicide notes and reading them, thinking I’d

find the answer to the *why* he did it through other people’s notes,” says Zimmerman. “And because his ex-lover didn’t want to give me the note,” Zimmerman adds. “I had nowhere else to turn — and I also figured that as a comedy writer I can still see that side of it.”

It was a challenging turn. After about six months of collecting the suicide notes — some from the famous, including Kurt Cobain, David Foster Wallace, Virginia Woolf, others from

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the not-so-famous ("the heartsick, bullied, veterans, mentally ill" as described in a press release about his play) Zimmerman attempted to read them.

"Every time I would read them I would just burst out crying, I couldn't do it," recalls Zimmerman, who grew up in what he describes as "a Jewish neighborhood in Detroit." He went on to study acting at NYU, where he and Berg met and began writing together "in between classes and after school jobs." A spec script they wrote got them hired for the first season of *The Golden Girls*. That early success lead to more success: writing for *Roseanne* and *Gilmore Girls*.

But the suicide notes, once he collected them, presented a unique challenge to Zimmerman, who had never written anything on his own, nor tackled such a serious, taboo subject. After a producer convinced him

pens in their life and how they deal with it." Along the way, Zimmerman added a narrator character who he often plays when the play is read or produced.

"I just forced myself to put it together and figure out in what order and how to kind of group the notes, and at the same time kind of tell the history of suicide notes — ending on more current situations like a trans woman in West Hollywood putting it on Facebook — and all of her friends in real time were going on Facebook wanting to get her attention to stop — so the ensemble plays all those roles," he says.

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to try putting the notes and characters together onstage at the Fringe Festival in LA (2015), Zimmerman found his way with the material, first with four actors, "like *The Vagina Monologues* on stools," where Zimmerman says he "wanted to hit everyone in the place, like 'this is reality.'"

"It wasn't until (director) Michael Wilson said, 'You need some levity here,'" explains Zimmerman, "that the story of the play changed to it really being about what happens to a funny person when something tragic hap-

pens in their life and how they deal with it." Along the way, Zimmerman added a narrator character who he often plays when the play is read or produced.

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It will make its East End premiere on May 14 at LTV Studios in Wainscott with a local cast of 11, directed by Valerie diLorenzo, who is known on the East End for producing a yearly play for the local community at a not-for-profit venue that uses professional actors of the East End.

"In looking for a new piece, I saw *Right Before I Go* had been presented at Town Hall for a one-night celebrity studded reading (Ellen Burstyn, Lois Smith, Judith Light, Vanessa Williams) says diLorenzo. "I contacted Stan, had an email exchange, et cetera, the play was scheduled to be produced in 2020, then, Hello COVID!"

DiLorenzo decided to produce the play this month with LTV in conjunction with May's Mental Health Awareness Month. She describes the casting and directing of this production as "surprising, enlightening, heartwarming, intense and humbling — a totally authentic experience."

"No one is hiding behind a character," says diLorenzo. "The cast shares the feeling of experiencing the power this work can do around a very tender topic. And yet with so many in the community refusing to acknowledge this reality, there is nothing to fear here."

For Zimmerman, a gay man who says he and his writing partner are "one of the first gay comedy writing teams," the experience of seeing *Right Before I Go* performed throughout the country is more than rewarding.

"The high percentage of trans teens who have committed suicide, or thought of it, is very high in the LGBTQ community, which is all the more reason this play needs to done in as many communities as possible," Zimmerman says, making his case by describing an experience in January

where a performance at a university where he was supposed to perform "was unfortunately canceled ... because the head of the mental health department felt talking about it would make students do it."

What did Zimmerman learn in the process of collecting the suicide notes?

"I was not expecting the poetry of the writing and the clarity of thought that everyone has, and the urgency," recalls Zimmerman. "They were urgent — they had to tell their loved ones that it's not their fault, that it's something I've been suffering through and I love you so much, but this is my own pain that I just couldn't see a way out of it."

But, Zimmerman emphasizes, "There are ways out of it — that's the point of the play. Hopefully, if people talk about this they won't have to write notes, and that's why I added the suicide survivor note — it gives the play hope."

The proof is in the reaction to the productions and the people who reach out to him after experiencing it.

"I've gotten emails from people, one woman said, 'I brought my son to the play and I think he saved his life.' And that's very intense, but that makes me want to do this play somewhere every weekend that I can — as difficult as it is for me to act in it, I feel like I have to do it."

Right Before I Go by Stan Zimmerman will be presented by LTV, directed by Valerie diLorenzo on Saturday, May 14 and 21 (2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.).

Tickets are available online at ltveh.org or at the door. VIP Tickets available, details at ltveh.org/rightbeforeigo. For more information about Stan Zimmerman, visit zimmermanstan.com

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SUMMER CAMPS

Flying Point Foundation for Autism Fills Need for Inclusive East End Camp

BY DAVID TAYLOR

While the East End has plenty of exciting summer camp opportunities for children and teens, the options for camps that emphasize a safe, inclusive space for kids with autism are few — very few. And it's this very lack of autism-focused camps that led to the creation of the transformative Camp Flying Point, organized by the Flying Point Foundation for Autism (FPF4A).

After her son's autism diagnosis in 2006, FPF4A founder/executive director Kim Covell began raising money for organizations that supported the autism community and would make the decision to keep her fundraising efforts focused on the East End.

"If I'm going to be raising this money, I may as well keep it local," Covell says. She adds that during this time, the outcry for autism-conscious programs was deafening. "The one thing I kept hearing was there was a dearth of recreational programming for kids with autism that was designed and geared toward their needs but could still be inclusive."

She founded FPF4A in 2008 with the goal of developing a one-week summer day camp that was fun and safe for kids with autism (or down syndrome or other developmental disabilities) and their siblings. By 2010, Camp Flying Point was ready to soar, and in the years that followed, enrollment took off.

The eight-day camp takes place each year at Southampton Fresh Air Home during "the black hole" — the short time between the end of the extended special education school year in August and the start of the new school year in September. It features many of the same popular activities as other summer camps — with swimming, art, yoga, music and non-competitive sports filling the camp schedule — but there are a few key details that set it apart.

For starters, the camp is open to youth with autism ages 6–21, as well as their siblings, who are invited to develop social and communication skills alongside others developing at a similar pace. Campers are split into groups largely by age, but "some adjustments are always made for a better fit," Covell says, adding that one such way is to place siblings in separate groups. "When some of the siblings are young," she says, "they may have only that singular view of autism, and I think that getting into the camp, they see that there are many autisms and that there are other siblings like them who deal with the situations that a family impacted by autism deals with."

Additionally, an extensive intake process and keeping campers on a specific routine are critical to keeping them happy and calm, but, as Covell points out, camp counselors must always "expect the unexpected" and be ready to respond in a supportive way. It's these specially trained, professional counselors, including camp director Nate Unwin and his wife Annie, whom Covell credits as the defining key to the camp's success.



ALL SMILES AT CAMP FLYING POINT

"It's really more about having the right people that are working there — that's key," she says, adding that, in light of this, it's woefully challenging to find qualified, available counselors. This is, in part, why FPF4A has been building up its Counselors in Training program that allows campers ages 14–17 to assist counselors in a supervised capacity.

If needed, camp tuition assistance is available by applying via a digital financial aid form. And it's just one of the ways FPF4A grants money to those who need it.

Two student scholarships are given out each year. The scholarship for students on the spectrum is awarded to one graduating East End senior who plans to attend college or vocational school. The scholarship for peer students is given to a neurotypical student on the East End who has demonstrated a commitment to the autism community and to FPF4A.

Two teacher grants are given out each year, as well. The Learning for Leaders grant goes to a teacher in an East End special education setting who wishes to pursue further education in effectively teaching students with autism. The Teacher Toolbox grant is given to a teacher who wants to purchase something for the classroom that will enhance learning for students of the spectrum, but the school budget won't cover it.

"Teachers are creative, and if they find something that works, we want to make sure that we can help them get it," Covell says, adding that FPF4A has helped purchase a rolling cart for a mobile school store, a sensory sand table and noise-canceling headphones.

FPF4A also supports the East End autism community through outreach, such as a recent training session for first responders looking to improve their interactions with distressed persons with autism, which was led by the Autism and Law Enforcement Education Coalition. In the future, FPF4A also hopes to provide local fire departments with items like squeeze toys and whiteboards, which can help calm and com-

municate with civilians with autism.

In addition to Camp Flying Point, FPF4A hosts year-round recreational programs including nature hikes, holiday parties, trips to children's museums and weekend morning activities.

Now 23 years old, Covell's son has aged out of Camp Flying Point, which has contributed to her desire to expand FPF4A to include lifelong learning opportunities. She explains that many graduates with autism feel as if they're "falling off the cliff" — going from a fully supported educational career to suddenly having no support or direction. Covell hopes to someday open a Flying Point lifelong learning and activity center where these young adults can develop skills in cooking, art, fitness or even socializing.

"Our whole vision is laid out, we just need the location," she says, noting the difficulty in today's pricey and competitive East End real estate market. "I would so love if we could come up with some sort of an arrangement that would be beneficial to a landlord and us."

In the meantime, FPF4A will continue to fundraise for the East End autism community through their Give a Buck for Autism initiative and events like Get a Piece of the Action and Bike to the Beach, at which Team Flying Point will be cycling 100 miles from New York City to the East End on September 24.

"I've been living in a life impacted by autism for a couple of decades now, and just knowing that I could possibly be helping individuals like my son, makes it worth all of the effort and aggravation," Covell says. "We're really proud of what we do because it still remains a really needed service on the East End."

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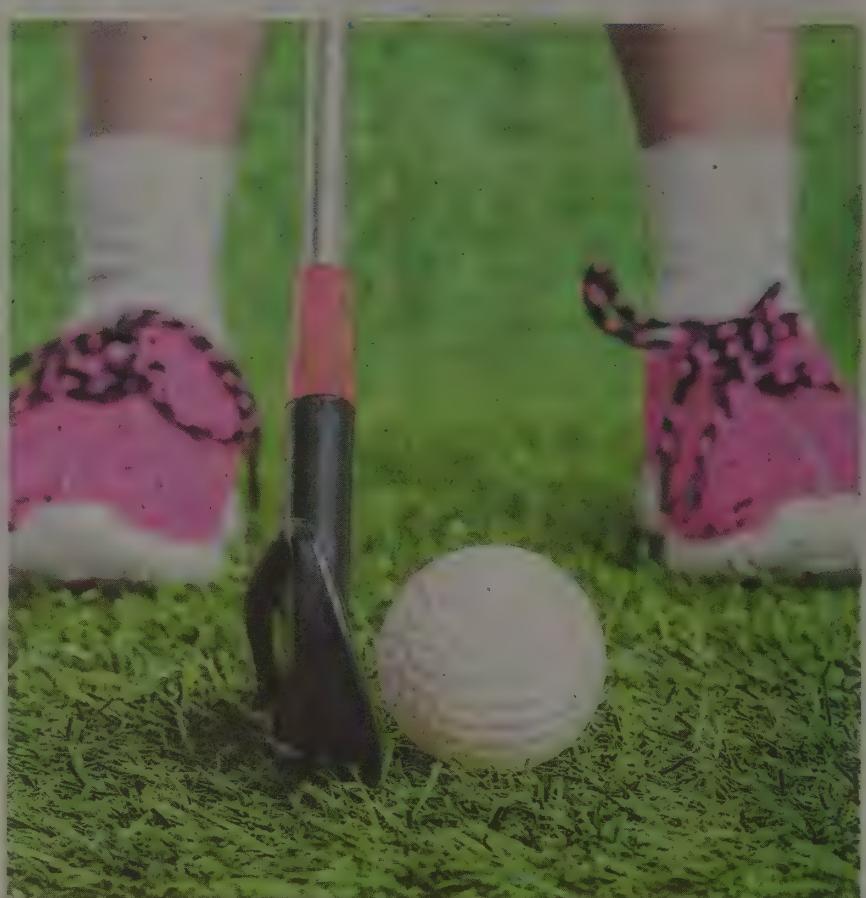
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The registration fees are \$575 for first-time campers, \$525 for returning campers and for siblings of new campers. First-time campers who register for more than one week at a time can also receive the \$525 per week rate. Rental golf clubs, a junior golf shirt, hat and daily lunch (special accommodations available) are all included in tuition.



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SUMMER CAMPS

Summer Camp Spotlight: Hamptons Country Day Camp

BY PARKER SCHUG

School is coming to a close and it is time to find summer entertainment for the East End's youth. Hamptons Country Day Camp is just that, with weeks worth of exciting activities perfect for the little ones.

This traditional summer program offers children ages 2.5–11 the experience and fun of a residential camp in day-long periods. Spanning eight weeks of the summer, plus an additional two for the post-camp program, Hamptons Country Day Camp provides everything campers may need including transportation to and from the East Hampton location, lunch and snacks from a "nut-aware" and accommodating dining hall, plus hours of engaging recreation.

Campers in ranging age groups have leeway to curate their perfect action-packed day, including aquatics, athletics, creative arts or outdoor adventures. With regular and tot-sized gaga, basketball and tennis courts, plus baseball and softball fields, there are sports for every interest. Campers can also try cooking in the kitchen, performance arts on the stage or other creative pursuits

on the designated pavilion. The premise features low ropes courses and exploration stations for outdoor fun, as well as playhouses, playgrounds and play-parks for younger campers.

Two separate programs, Stepping Stones, for ages 3–4 and Upper Camp, for ages 5–12 provide more hands-on attention for young campers and a choice of their activities for the day for older ones. Participants in Stepping Stones are required to complete two weeks at Hamptons Country Day Camp and have the option for mini-days ending at 1 p.m. or full days with other campers. Upper Camp has Mini Club, Club Elective and Club + Sports, where they can partake in their favorite parts of camp, plus Late Nights where they'll stay for longer days and do sleep-away camp traditions.

Hamptons Country Day Camp runs from Monday, June 27 to Friday, August 19 with a post-camp program from Monday, August 22 to Friday, September 2. Tuition for regular camp is flexible based on weekly enrollment, ranging from \$2,075 for one week to \$10,750 for eight weeks. Post-camp tuition is flexible, as well, ranging from \$1,945 for one week to \$3,775 for two weeks.



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Both rates are subject to change based on sibling enrollment and consistent enrollment and these rates include door-to-door bus transportation for campers attending for more than two weeks.

A \$2,500 deposit and full balance were due for the regular session on May 1, however, the post camp \$500 deposit and full balance are not due until July 31. A portion of paid tuition is given to the TLC Starfish Foundation, providing underserved children with opportunities like this.

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OBITUARY

House, Networking Magazine Publisher Christine Sheahan Dies

Christine Sheahan, retired publisher and artist passed away peacefully at the age of 82 on May 5 after battling illness and cancer for the last year.

She met her end with resilience and dignity, knowing that her leaving was a natural conclusion to a long life well spent. She is missed by her immediate family, son Dennis and his wife Andrea, with four grandkids, Dimitris, George, Dennis and Hana. She was also mother to her predeceased son, Andrew Sheahan.

Christine was born in Los Angeles, California to father Andrew Conniff and mother Kathleen Smallbrook. She moved to the East Coast to attend college at Marymount College in Tarrytown. Moving to New York City she started a career in graphic design and advertising. While on a weekend on Fire Island she met her future husband Denis Sheahan, whom she would be together with for 54 years until his death

in 2019.

She worked throughout her life with her husband starting with an advertising company Sheahan and Conniff in the early 1980s and then publishing *House* magazine in 1982. She also began *Networking Magazine*, which centered the ins and outs of business and organizations on Long Island. She has received numerous awards for all of her work in business including Long Island's Top 50 Women award.

She was also a successful portrait painter who painted the likeness of family and friends, notably Susan Lucci and Dennis Joe Reimer, Chief of Staff of the Army which hangs in the Pentagon.

Visiting hours will be at the Werner-Rothwell Funeral Home in Westhampton Beach on Thursday, May 12 from 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Mass will be held at the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church on Friday, May 13. The funeral time is pending.



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Lyme Disease Awareness Month: East End Tick Safety Tips

Studies show that 20–50% of the ticks on the East End are infected with Lyme disease and 70% of all people who are diagnosed are bitten in their own yard. The month of May brings warm weather and more time spent outdoors, but it also brings ticks and awareness to the prevalent, yet preventable illness Lyme disease. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), approximately 30,000 cases of Lyme disease are reported in the United States, but an estimated 300,000 people are diagnosed annually.

Lyme disease is a worldwide infectious disease, and it has been reported in all 50 states but, thankfully, clinical trials have begun on both a Lyme vaccine developed by Pfizer and a human monoclonal antibody treatment. The human monoclonal antibody treatment being developed at the University of Massachusetts is meant to be used pre-exposure and would be administered at the beginning of the tick season.

Researchers at Yale University have also developed an mRNA vaccine which triggers an immune response at the site of a tick bite. The mRNA vaccine was built off the success of the COVID-19 mRNA and targets the tick salivary proteins, rather than the pathogen itself. The vaccine is tested in guinea pigs and causes the immune system to recognize the proteins and quickly triggers a strong immune response at the site of a bite. The redness, itching and irritation then prompts the animal to remove the tick and the strategy relies on the fact that it takes 24 hours for an attached tick to transmit the bacteria. The vaccine also provided partial protection when the ticks were not removed.

While vaccines are being tested, there's still no still no protection against Lyme disease, but there are ways to prevent contracting the illness. Local tick expert and owner of East End Tick & Mosquito Control, Brian Kelly, shared a list of tips residents should consider when venturing outdoors to limit the risk of contracting a tick-related illness during the warmer months.

TICK PREVENTION TIPS

- 1). Have your property sprayed for ticks monthly between the months of



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March through December to control ticks on your property. Spraying for ticks will greatly reduce the tick population on your property but controlling ticks 100% is next to impossible

2). Tick encounters are happening just about everywhere! Always use a repellent when going outdoors and get yourself and family into the habit of checking yourself very carefully afterwards. Pro tip: Have someone else check your back and areas you can't see.

3). Put a fence around your yard to help keep deer and other animals out of your yard.

4). Keep your pets confined to your landscaped lawn and never allow them to enter the woods. Use a tick repellent recommended by your veterinarian, and if you travel with your pet, make sure you check them VERY carefully afterwards.

5). Teach your kids about the dangers of going into the woods and uncharted territory. Get them into the routine of checking themselves after being outdoors and ALWAYS check them yourselves.

6). The Tick Borne Disease Resource Center at Southampton Hospital offers free tick removal kits. Pick

one up, learn how to properly remove a tick. Keep it handy at all times.

7). Keep your grass cut short and don't over-water your plants and shrubs! Ticks are attracted to long grass and cool damp areas.

8). Ivy and other sorts of ground cover are tick hot spots, avoid them at all times.

9). As part of your spring yard clean-up, eliminate tick habitat by raking and removing leaves that have blown into your yard edges and under shady vegetation.

10). Perform tick checks twice a day, once at night and then again the following morning.

11). Tuck your pants into your socks and spray both your skin and clothing with repellent before going outdoors.

12). When coming in from the outdoors, put your clothes in the dryer and on a high heat for at least 15 minutes.

13). Try to wear light colors when spending time outdoors. Ticks are easier to see on bright or light colors.

Kelly always tells his customers that "prevention is better than a cure" and takes a proactive approach to tick safety. "The risk of contracting a

tick-borne illness, such as Lyme disease becomes increasingly worse, and there are new diseases emerging. We recently learned of a new virus confirmed in Suffolk County, the Heartland tick virus, which has claimed the lives of a growing number of people, primarily in the Midwest. While vaccines are being tested, there's no cure, and with many mild winters, ticks are becoming progressively worse year after year. Follow these steps and have your yard sprayed NOW to help prevent ticks from entering your property."

If you believe you were bitten by a tick, keep an eye out for early stages of Lyme disease. Early stages of Lyme disease can include a bullseye-like rash for up to 60% of Lyme cases but the remainder show no rash at all! Other symptoms can include chills, fever, fatigue, headache, swollen lymph nodes, muscle and joint pain. If left untreated, Lyme can lead to serious medical complications such as arthritis, heart and nervous disorders, Bell's Palsy, miscarriages, stillborn births, meningitis, numbness, pain and neurological damage. If you experience any of these symptoms after finding a tick, contact a physician immediately.



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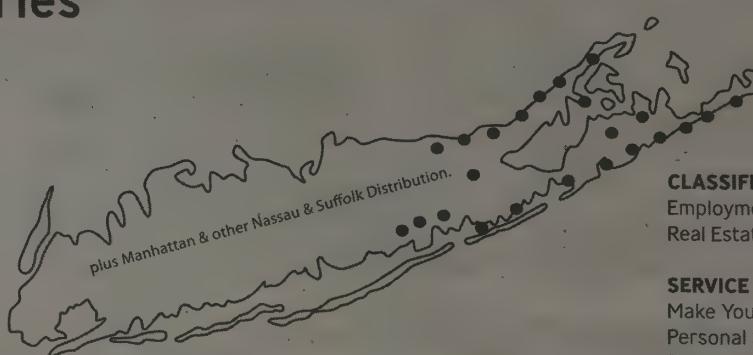
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Meet Suffolk County's New Top Cop Rodney Harrison

BY TODD SHAPIRO

Rodney K. Harrison was named Suffolk County Police commissioner in December 2021 by Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone. A seasoned and decorated veteran in law enforcement, Harrison immediately got to work on behalf of Suffolk's 1.5 million residents and the 2,500 sworn officers now working beneath his leadership.

Harrison took over the post from retiring interim Commissioner Stuart Cameron. Prior to Cameron, Geraldine Hart spent three years leading the department. Now, Harrison leads one of the nation's largest suburban police departments in his 30th year as a law enforcement officer. And, with Suffolk being equally diverse and large, his previous experience will certainly be put to good use.

Harrison joined the New York Police Department Cadet Corp in 1991, taking the sacred oath the year later and becoming a sworn New York City Police Officer. He was assigned to Astoria, Queens, not far from his hometown of Jamaica. He rose quickly, achieving the rank of detective within three years, and continued to rise up the ranks, becoming in 2019 the first-African American Chief of Detectives in the 175-year history of the NYPD.

"Throughout my time as a detective, undercover, and investigator in the detectives squad, I always wondered why we didn't do things a little differently," he says. "When I became Chief of Detectives, I said I wanted to make sure that we do everything to benefit the detectives, keep them safe, and help them do their jobs."

"While I am always humbled by the accomplishment of being the first Black Chief of Detectives, I believe my journey as an undercover, as an investigator with the detective squad, and Chief of Detectives for Brooklyn North is something that makes me most proud," he added. "Getting to that post, I looked forward to evaluating one of the greatest detective bureaus in the country, to make sure that we were doing it right."

Harrison's knowledge and experience on the job allowed him to continue to excel. He would be appointed the Chief of Department — the highest-ranking Uniformed member of the NYPD — and was the first-ever Cadet to rise to this prestigious post. He held every position in the department and is one of the few to hold a position in every city borough and every patrol borough. He completed time as an undercover, detective, precinct commander in Harlem, and even oversaw the NYPD's Neighborhood Policing Model, which has been regarded as a tremendous success.

"While at first, I didn't think it was such a big deal, I started to look at some of the others who held the job of Chief of Department," he says. "Without taking away from their personal journeys in the department, many of them did not serve as a detective, so they didn't have an understanding of investigations and how the rank-and-



RODNEY HARRISON

file operates. Having experienced every role in the department and having been in the trenches with them, helped me check the box of having been in their shoes."

"Having the opportunity to work in every borough and patrol borough really helped me understand the landscape of being an executive of the NYPD," he continued. "I knew the precincts, I knew the precinct commanders, I knew where the crime was occurring and those who were committing the crime — including the gangs. It's complex and hard to capture in a sentence or two, but there were a lot of experiences that played into my leadership, helping to identify what else can be done to get our precincts safe. It really helped me run the police department the right way, knowing exactly what was going on in each borough, at all times, throughout the whole City of New York."

Harrison retired from the NYPD in 2021, but he would again find himself in a senior leadership role in law enforcement when Bellone approached him about serving as Suffolk's police commissioner. When the Suffolk County Legislature unanimously approved his appointment in December, it was settled, that he held the title, the responsibility, and was determined to hit the ground running.

"I first asked: 'what is the team I am going to put around me?' and 'how could I be the best Commissioner I can be for Suffolk County?' So, I began to find who was available and who of the best people might be interested in joining me in Suffolk County to make this a better department," Harrison recalls.

"A lot of the Suffolk County Police Department is former NYPD, and I believe that I feel a connection with many of these Police Officers which has helped me transition into the role. I believe that having a good resume coming from the NYPD has also helped me transition as well," Harrison says.

Today, law enforcement is faced with unprecedented challenges. From a nationwide crime surge to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic to some anti-police sentiment. Here in Suffolk, though,

Harrison says he has felt a warm welcome from the members of the department and the residents alike.

"Any time I have an opportunity to address a group of residents, I talk about my experiences, and I assure them that I will use this to keep Suffolk safe and improve quality of life," he says. "I've been able to assure them, also, that I know how to deal with opioids, sex trafficking, cold cases, and a host of other issues that matter to them. I lay out our plan on how we are going to address them and also how we are going to get the police on board to address these issues."

Harrison says that his top three priorities are: police officer safety, police reform, and solving the Gilgo Beach murders.

"Number one is how to improve Officer Safety," he says. "We can re-evaluate some procedures and do a better job of keeping our officers safe. You can't make the county safer if the cops are not safe."

So far, Harrison says, he sees some similarities and differences between the city and Suffolk.

"One of the similarities I have noticed is the gang violence in certain portions of the county. We intend to implement precision policing, which identifies gang members and works with the district attorney's office to build cases against them and take them off the street. We had success with precision policing in New York City and I am 1,000% positive we can make this a safer county implementing this and taking those who are causing violence into custody," Harrison says.

"One of the differences, though, is the lack of diversity. The NYPD mirrored the city and its diversity. Here, though, I don't see the same level of diversity and this is something that I will be prioritizing going forward, by attracting more from the minority communities to take the exam and join the police department," Harrison says.

So far, he's getting to know the layout of Suffolk. Like many who are getting to know their way around the North Fork, Harrison was initially surprised by the vast open space in wine country.

"We always think of Suffolk County as a suburban community, but the farther east you go, you realize how many farms there are. It's interesting to see how Suffolk County is both suburban and rural, which some people just don't anticipate when they come out East from the city," Harrison says.

An avid golfer, Harrison says he has become familiar with some of our county's prestigious, championship golf courses, quipping "I am trying to find my way to Shinnecock, sooner or later."

Harrison now resides in our western neighbor, Nassau County, with his wife, LaPrena. He has three daughters and a 2-year-old grandson. Two of his daughters have joined the "family business" as sworn members of the NYPD.

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